

# ATM physically and functionally interacts with PCNA to regulate DNA synthesis

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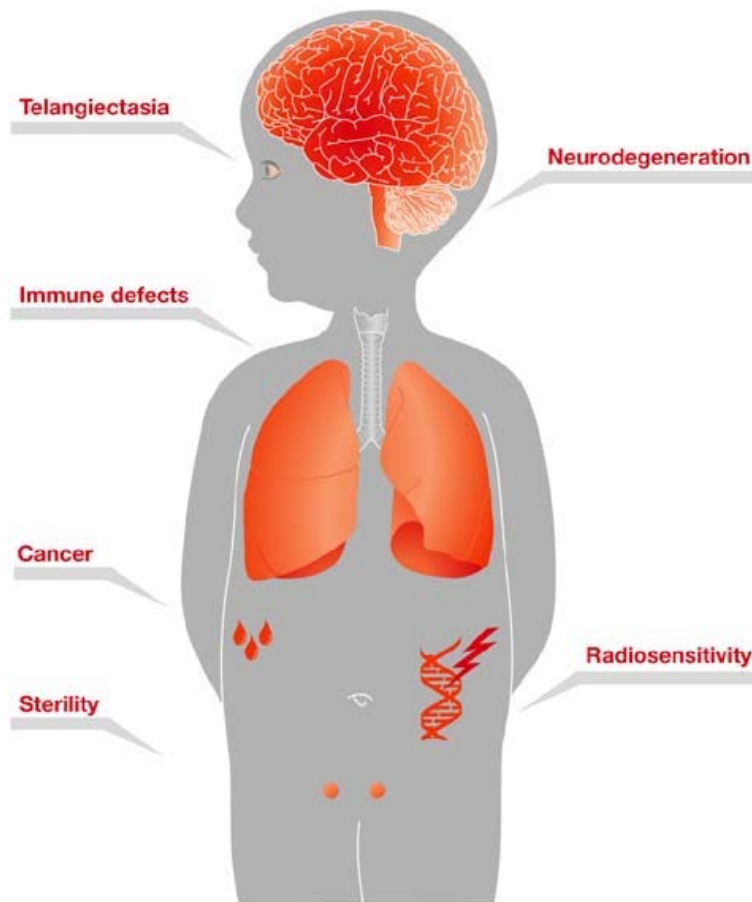
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# Sections

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1. **Irreversible damage** accumulates rapidly when ATM kinase activity is inhibited in irradiated cells
2. **Chemically-inhibited ATM kinase blocks DNA repair** in a manner that does not occur in the absence of ATM protein
3. **ATM interacts with PCNA** *in vivo* and *in vitro*
4. A 20 amino acid **ATM peptide stimulates DNA synthesis** by DNA polymerase  $\delta$  *in vitro*

# Ataxia telangiectasia (A-T)



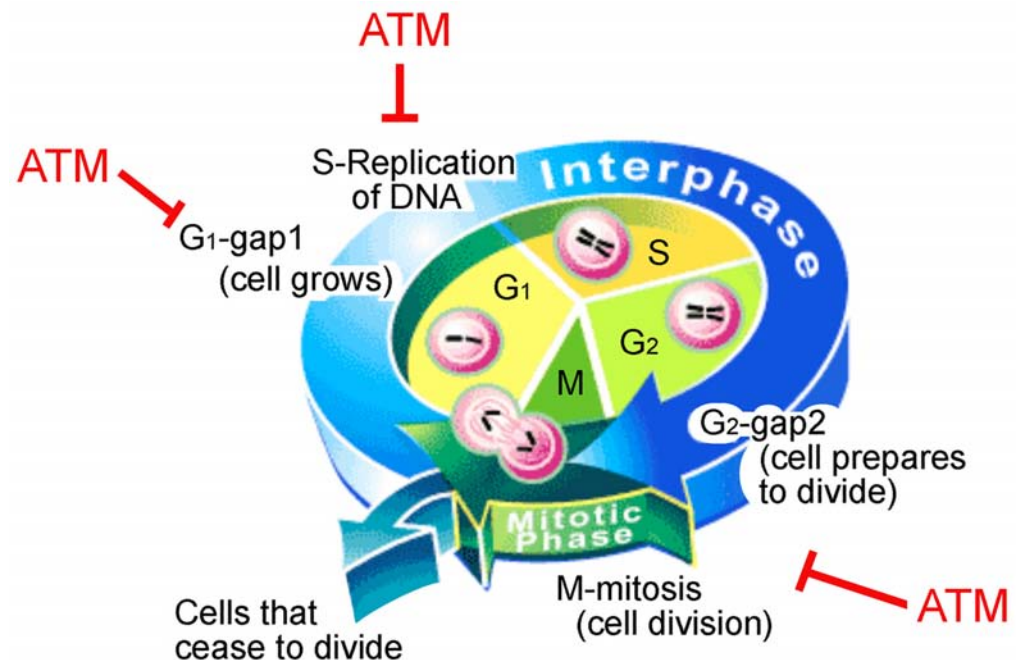
- **Rare, autosomal recessive disorder**
  - Progressive neurodegeneration
  - Immunodeficiency
  - Increased risk of lymphoid malignancies
  - Sterility
  - Interstitial lung disease
  - ***Profound radiosensitivity***



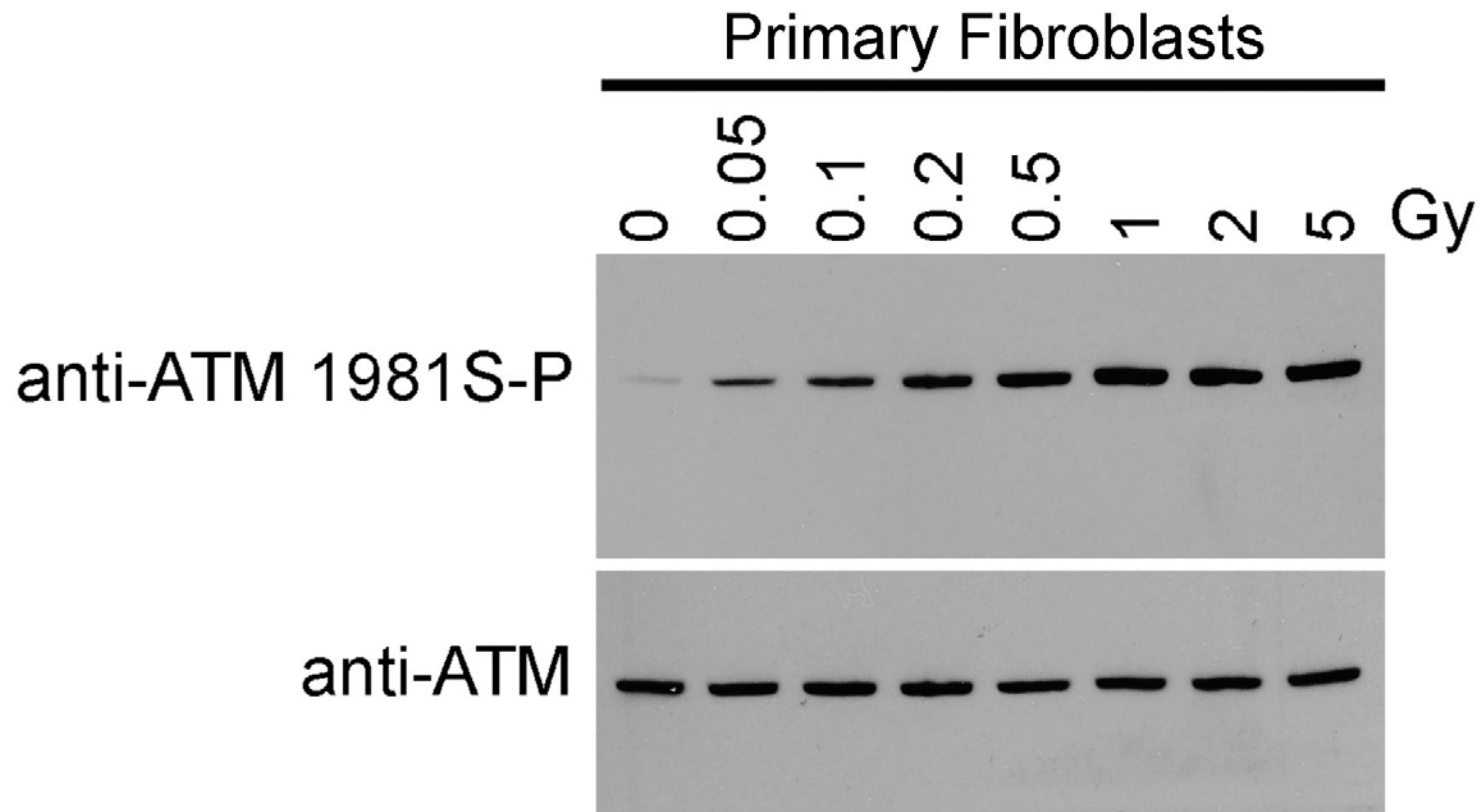
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# Cells derived from A-T individuals

- **Checkpoint defects**
  - Diminished p53-mediated G<sub>1</sub> arrest
  - Radioresistant DNA synthesis (RDS)
  - Attenuated G<sub>2</sub> arrest
- **Exhibit chromosomal instability**
- ***Hypersensitive to IR***

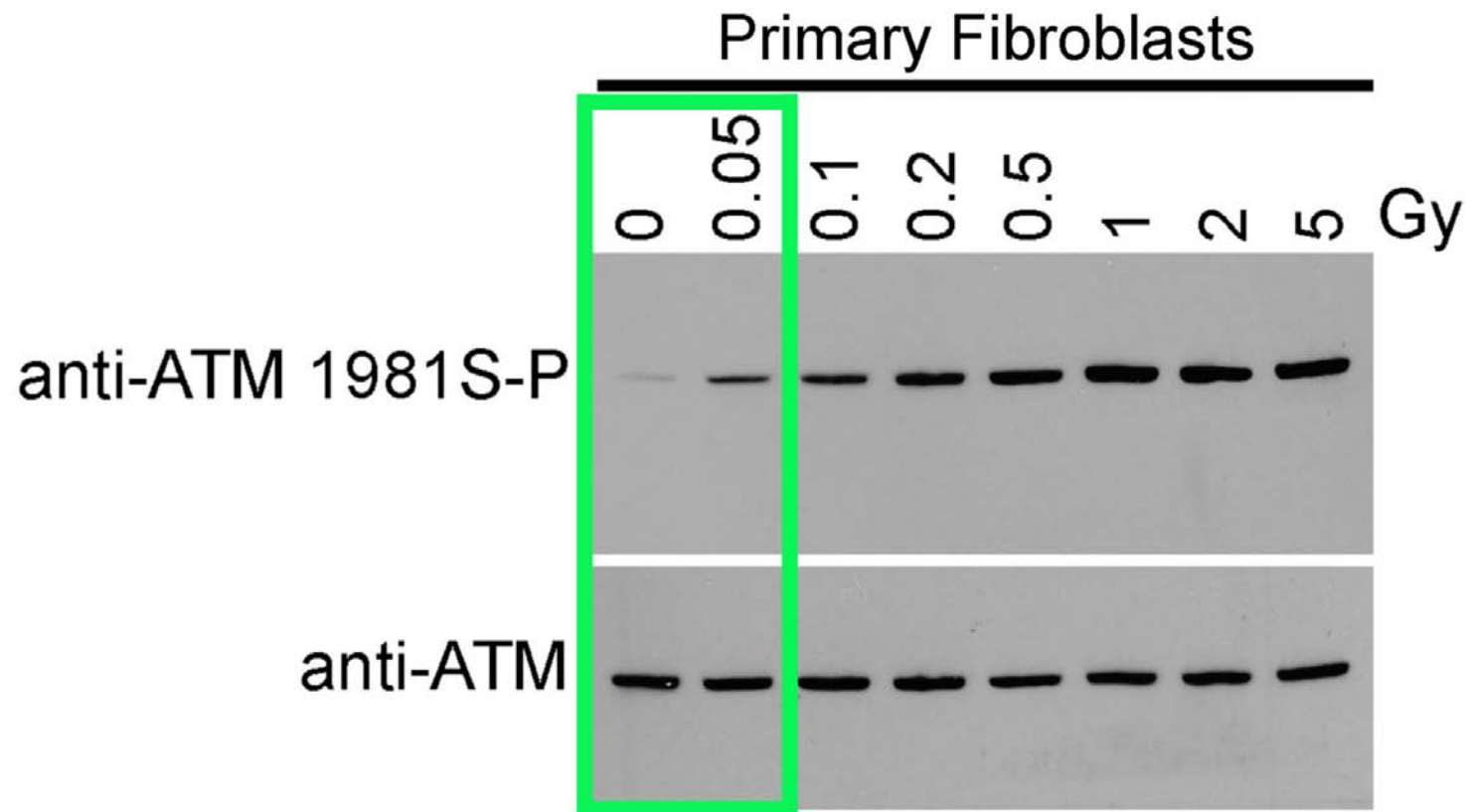


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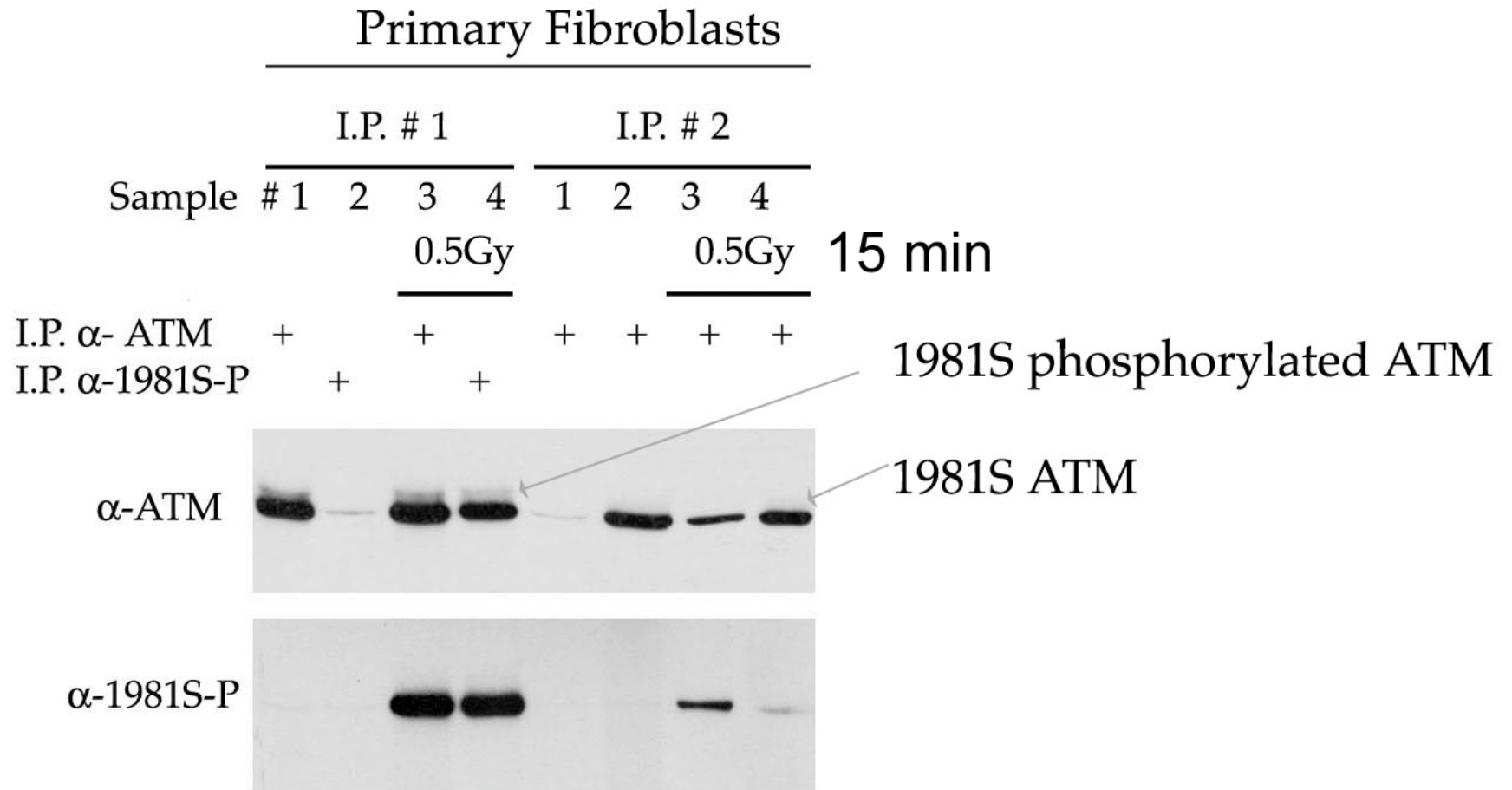
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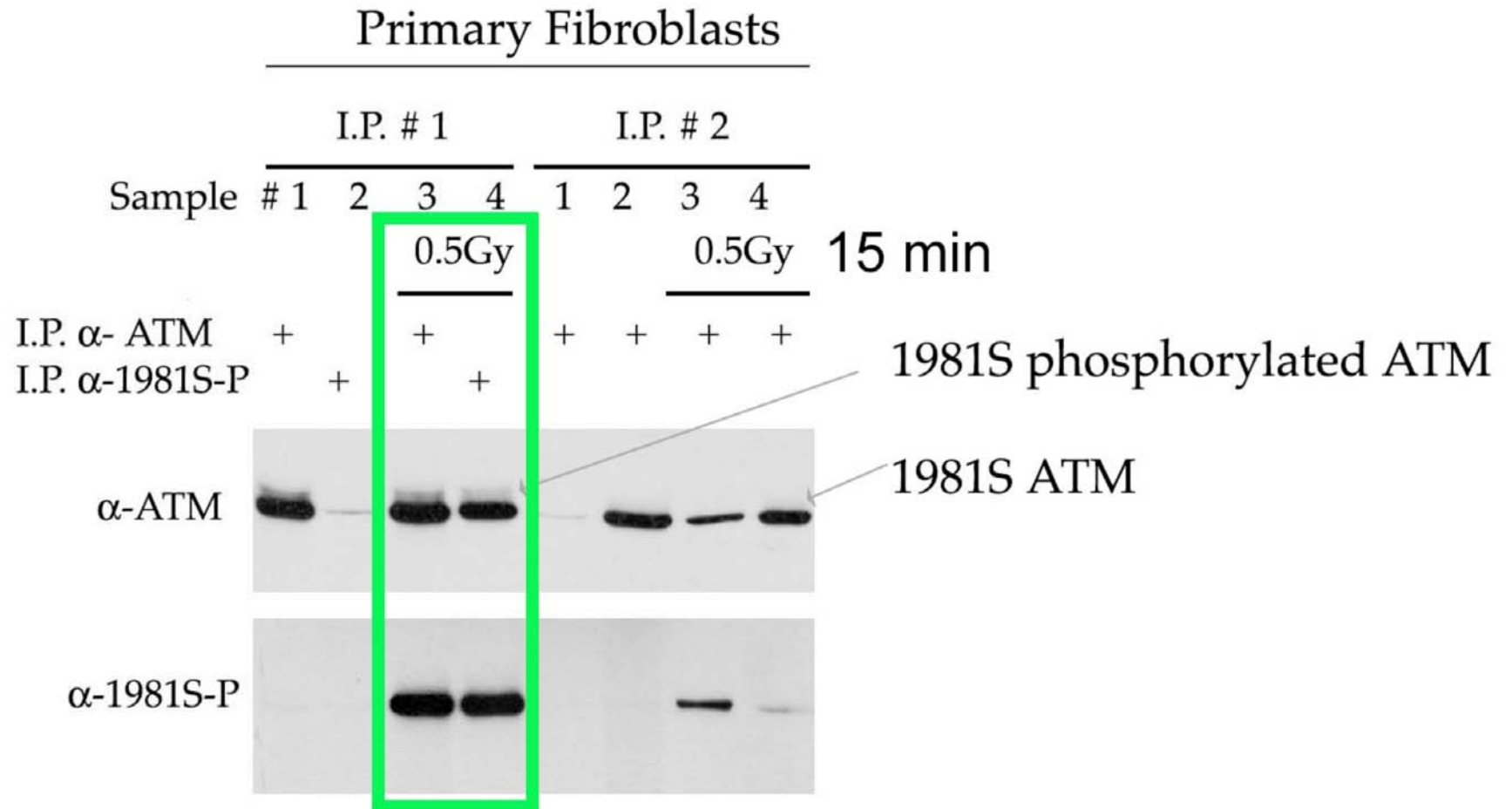
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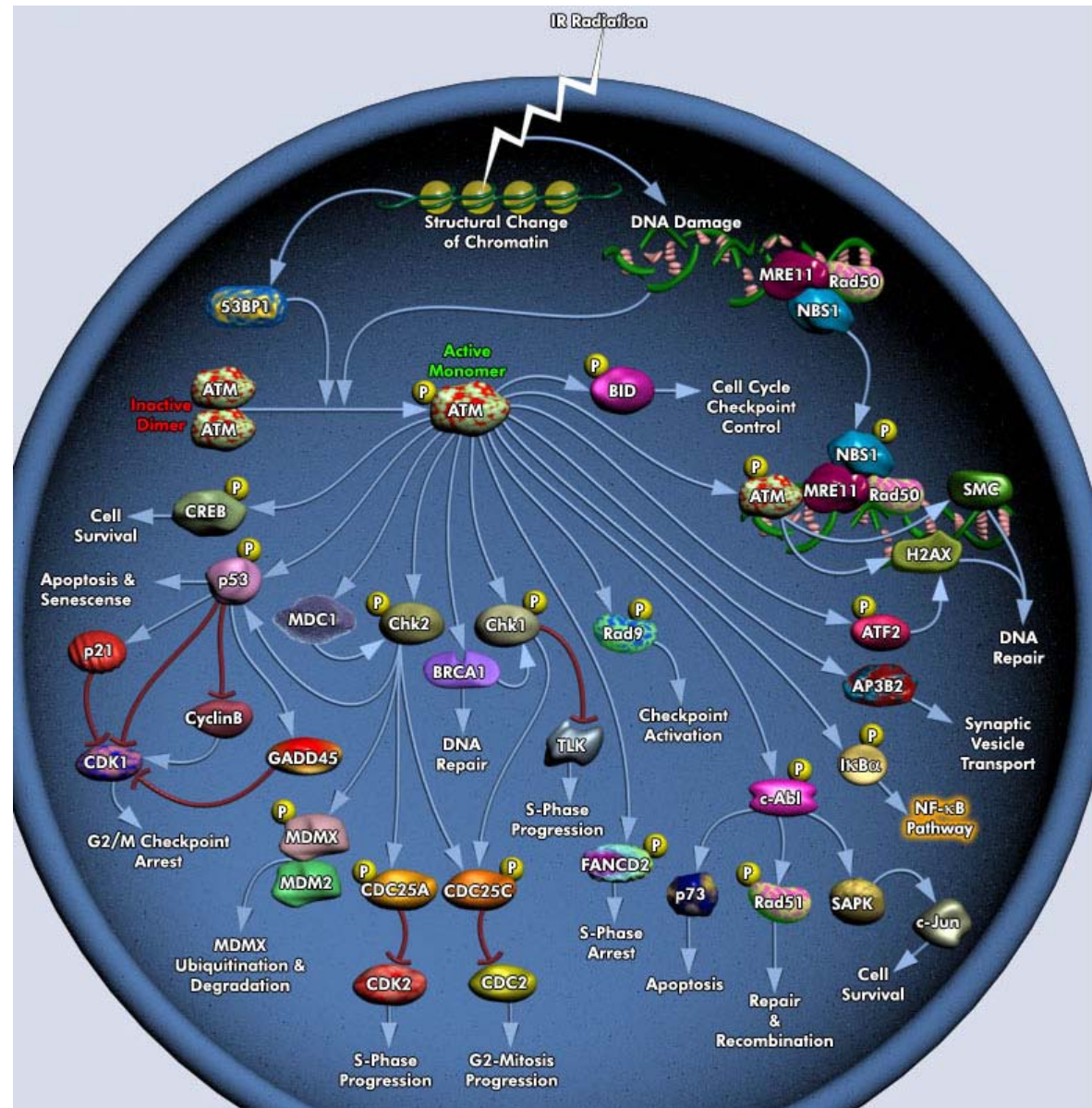


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# ATM encodes a kinase

- **ATR is a related kinase with very similar substrate specificity**
- **>700 substrates identified**
  - Matsuoka S et al. (2007) Science 316, 1160-1166
- **>1000 substrates**
  - Olsen JV et al. (2010) Science Signaling 3(104):ra3
- Bensimon A et al. (2010) Science Signaling 3(151):rs3
- Serah Choi et al. in preparation



# ~60 percent of people with cancer are treated with radiation therapy

Breast cancer is dosed at 50 Gy in fractions of 1.8 to 2 Gy with an additional 10 Gy boost to the surgical bed site

Pancreatic cancer is dosed at 50.4 Gy in fractions of 1.8 Gy

Lung cancer is dosed at 45 Gy to 66 Gy in fractions of 1.8 Gy to 2.1 Gy



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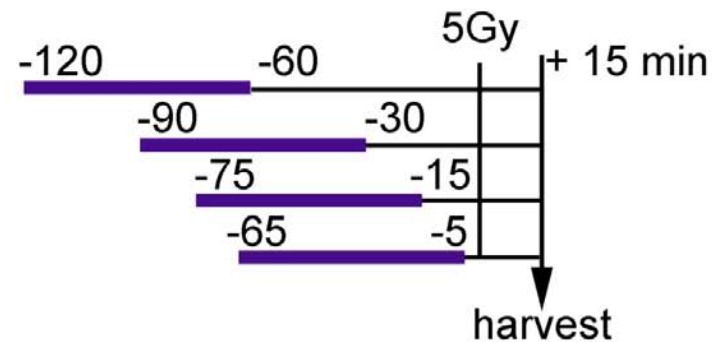
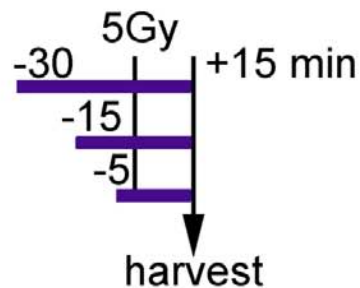
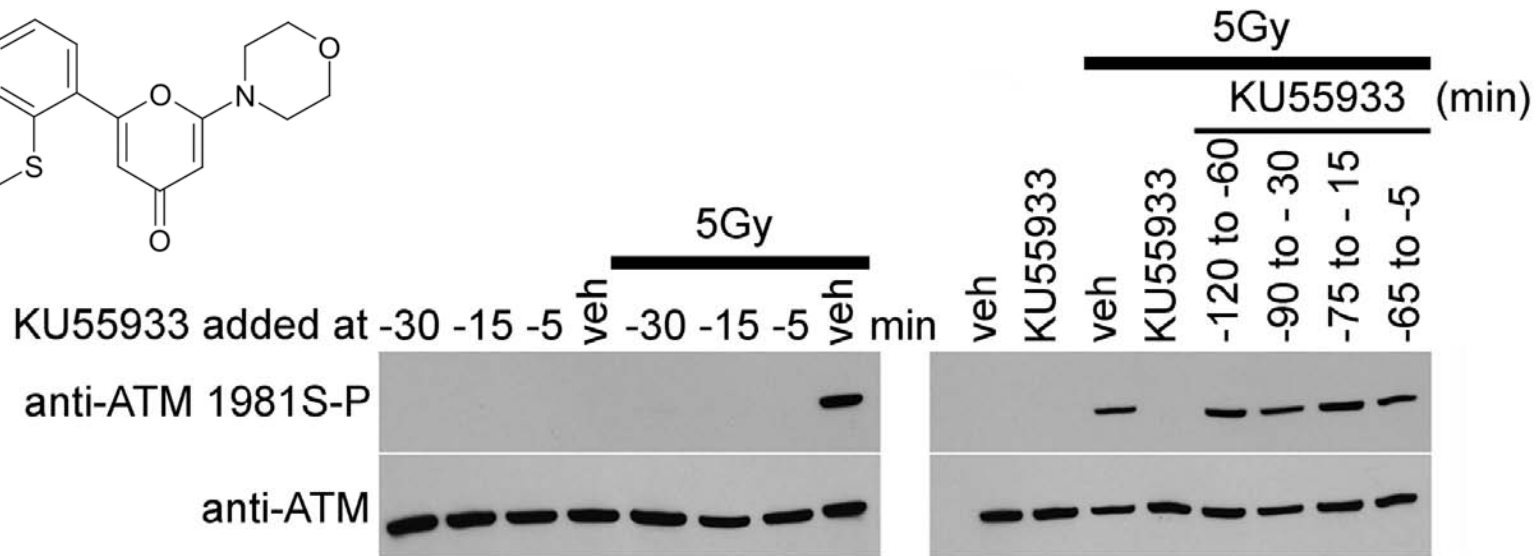
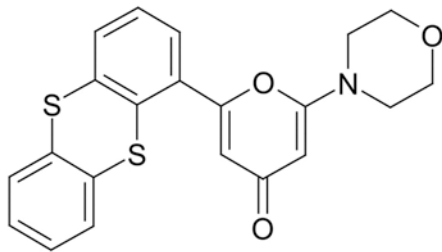


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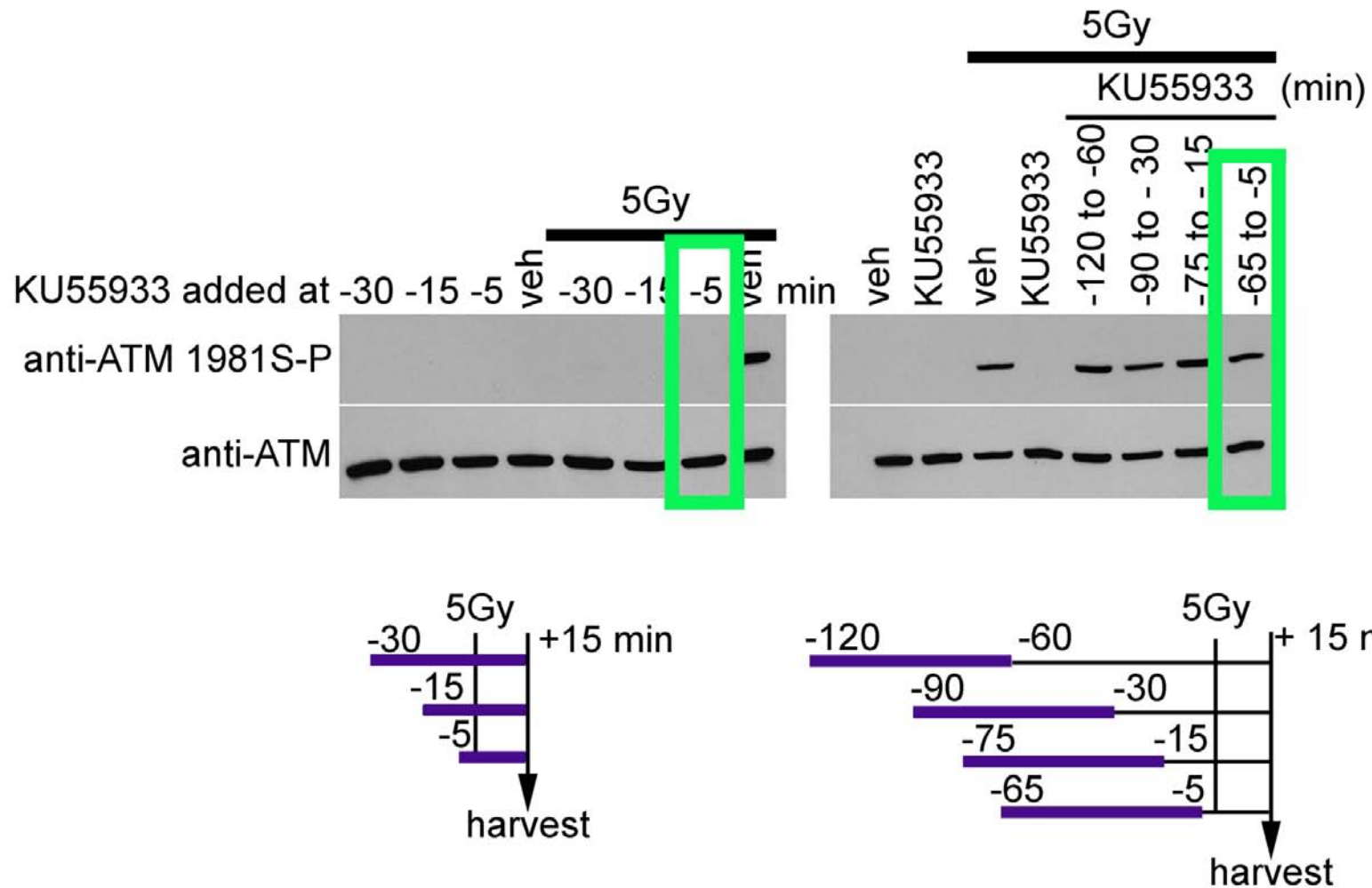
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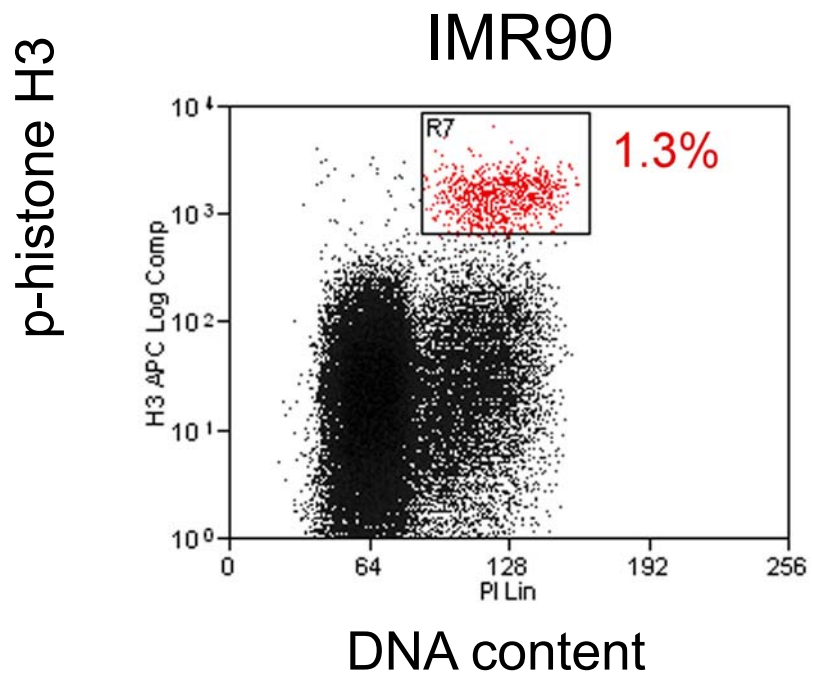


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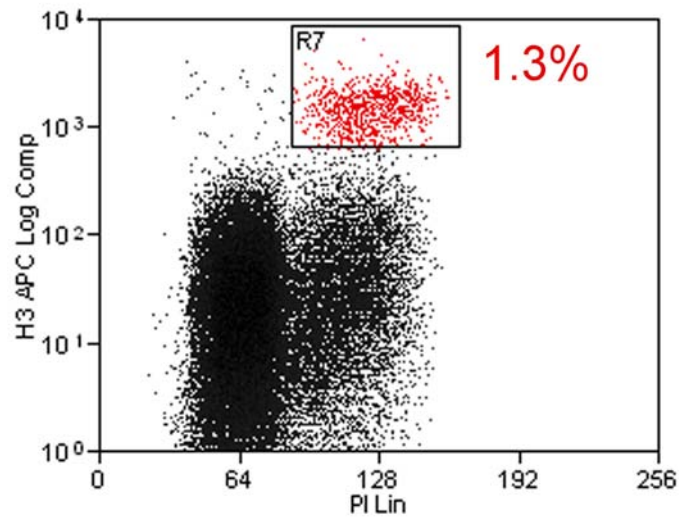


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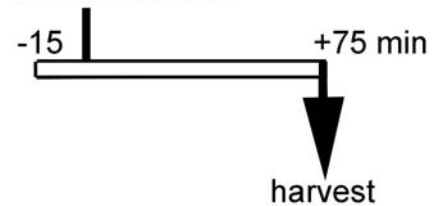
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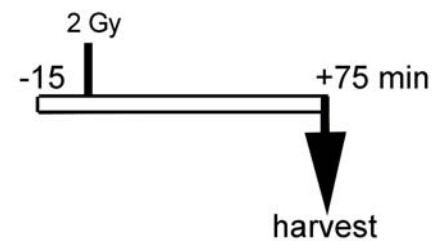
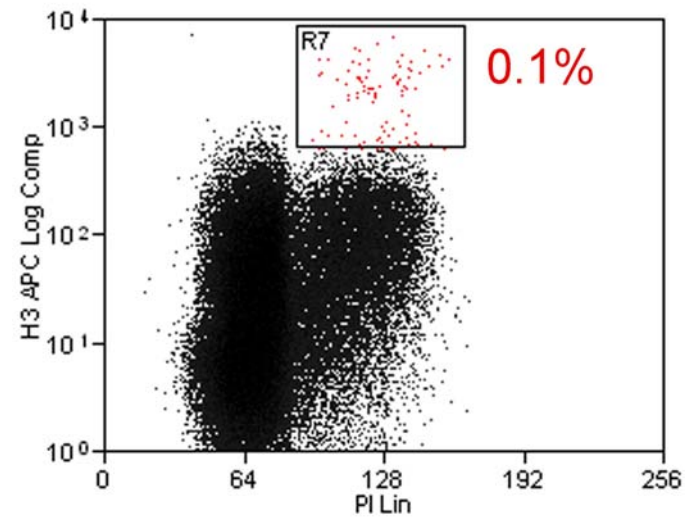


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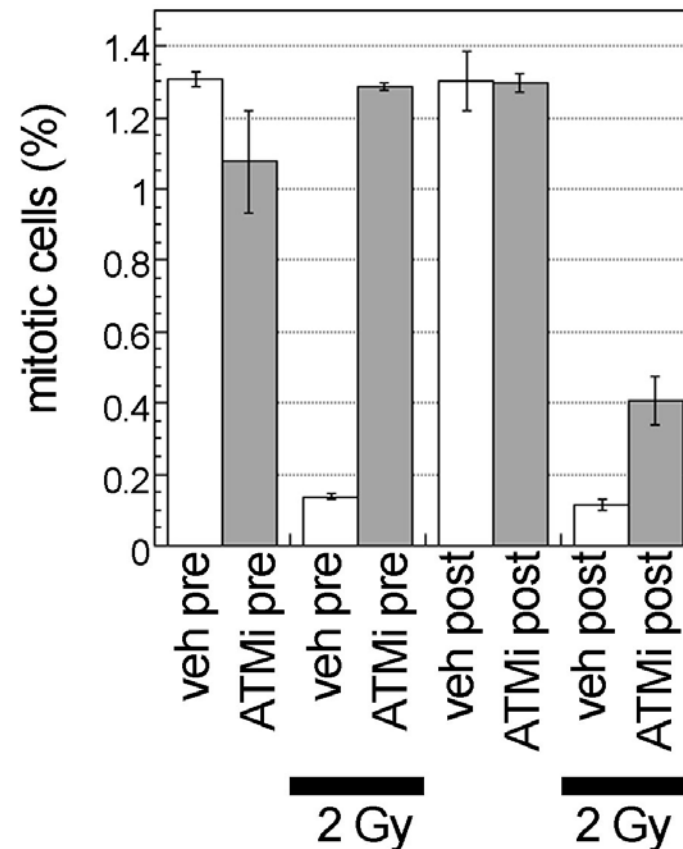
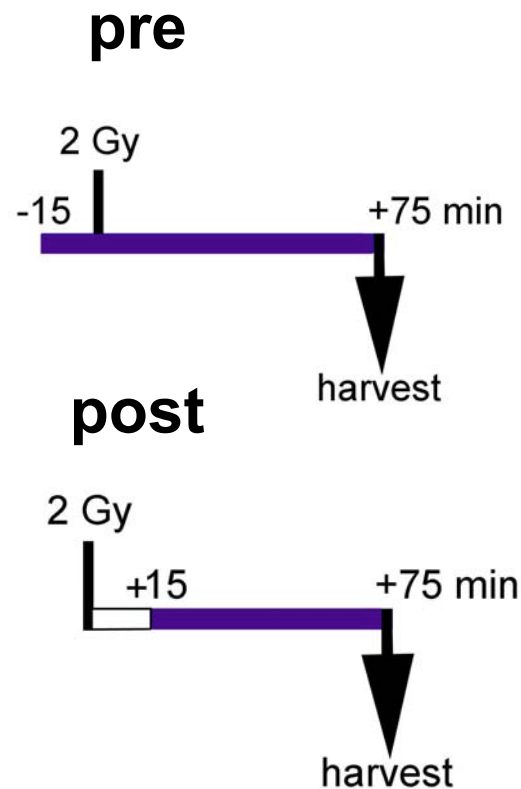
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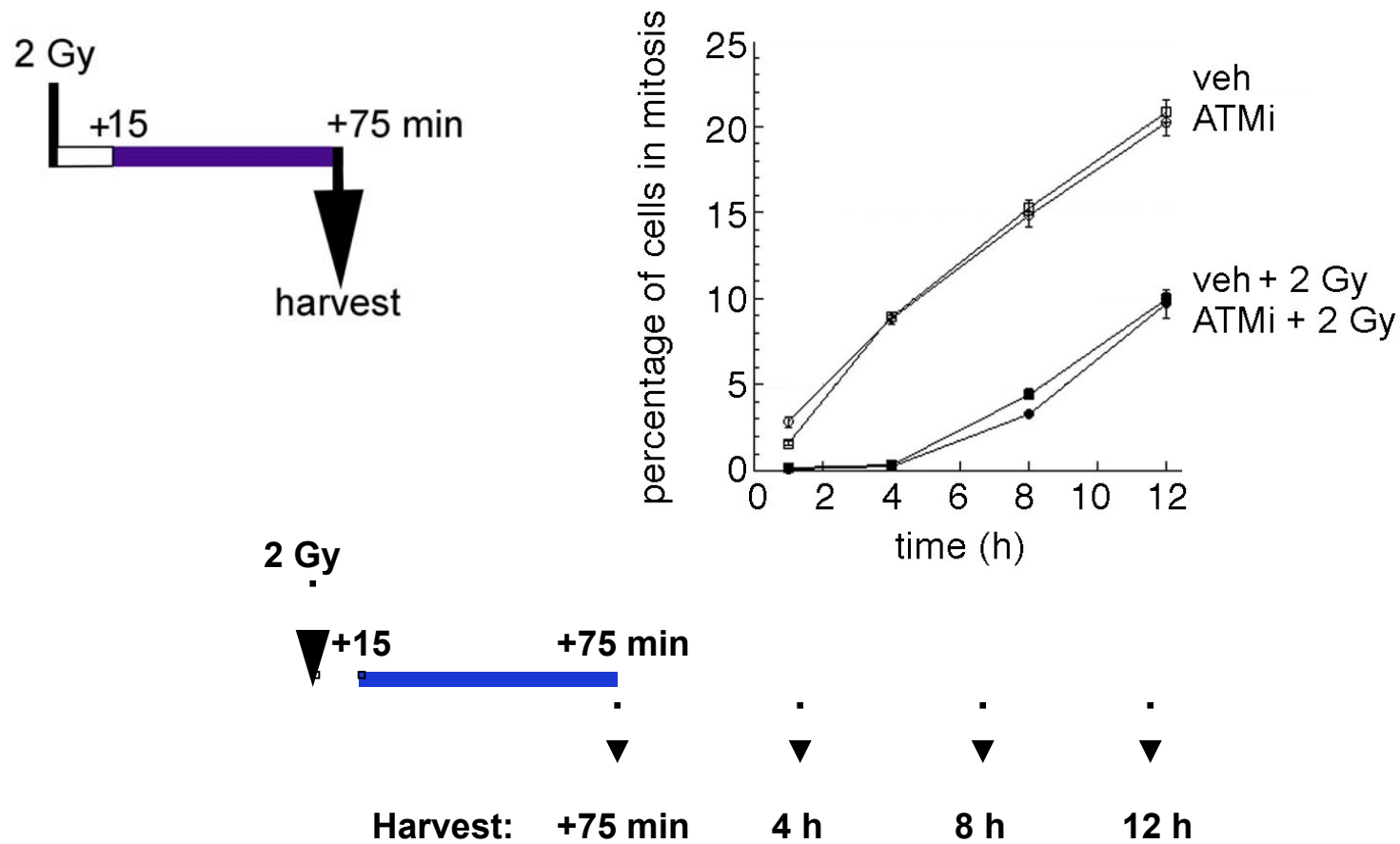
2 Gy



# ATM kinase activity from 0 to +15 min following IR is sufficient to activate the G<sub>2</sub>/M cell cycle checkpoint

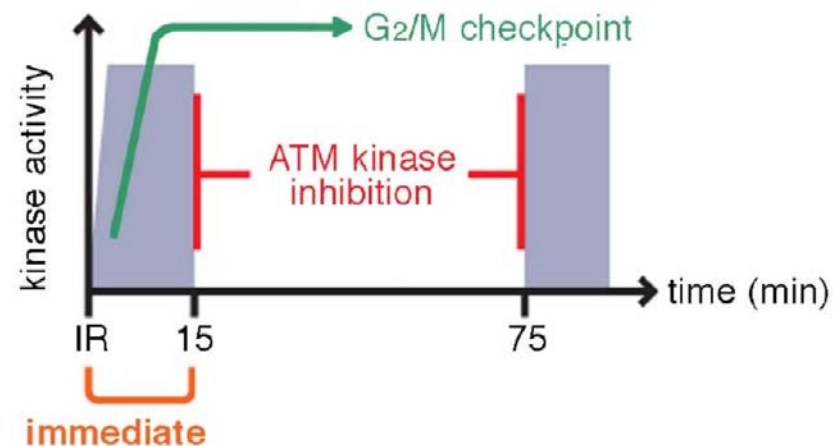
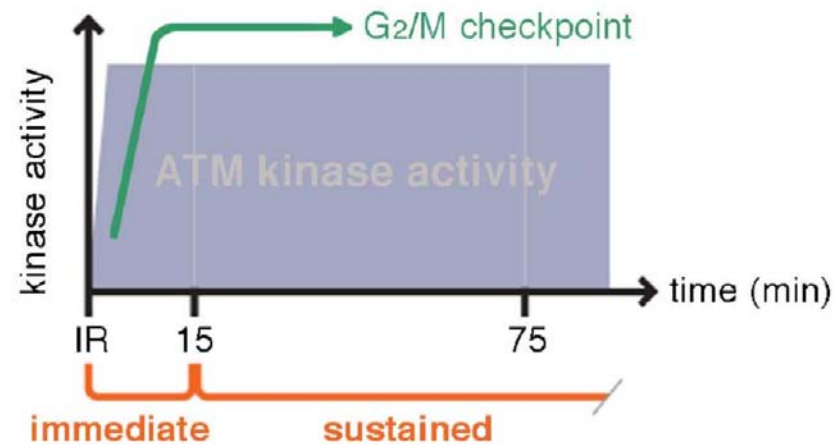


# $G_2/M$ cell cycle checkpoint recovery is not compromised by transient ATM kinase inhibition

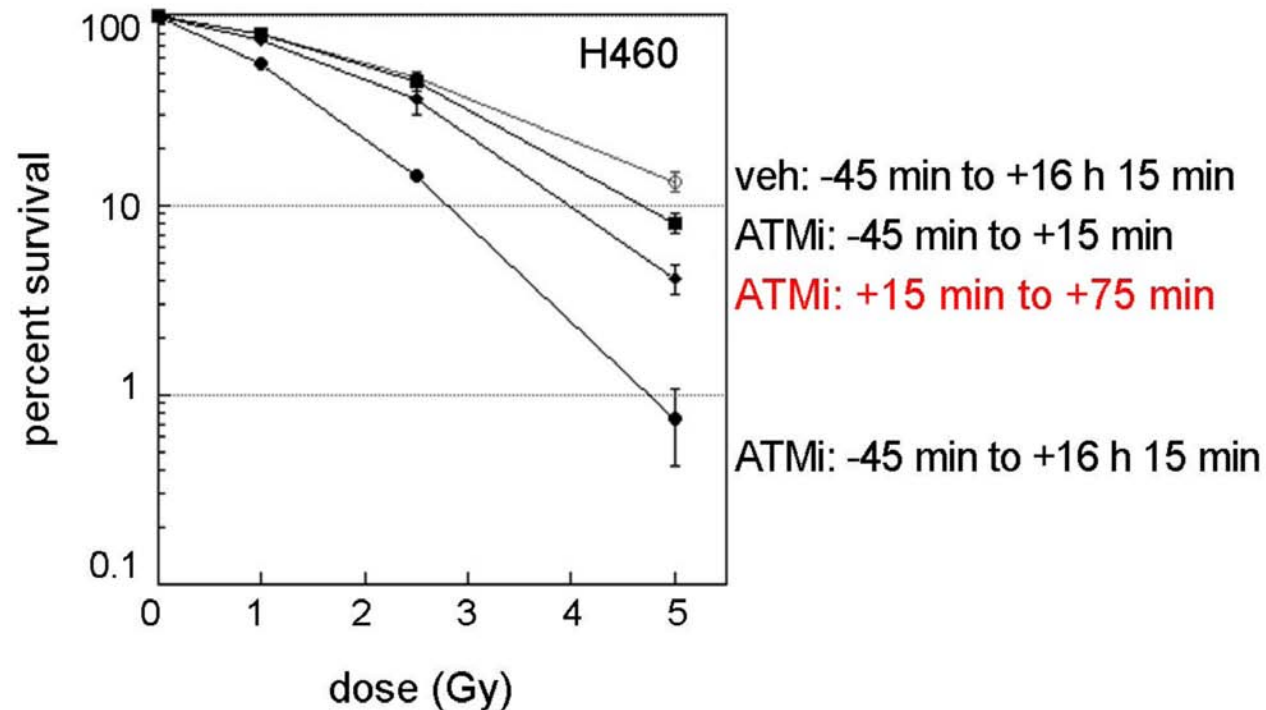
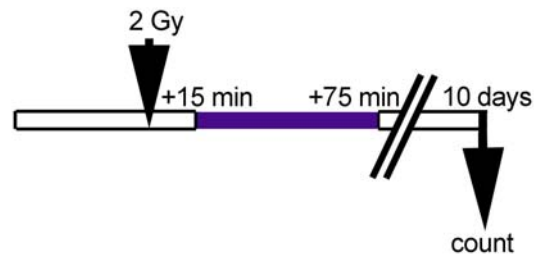




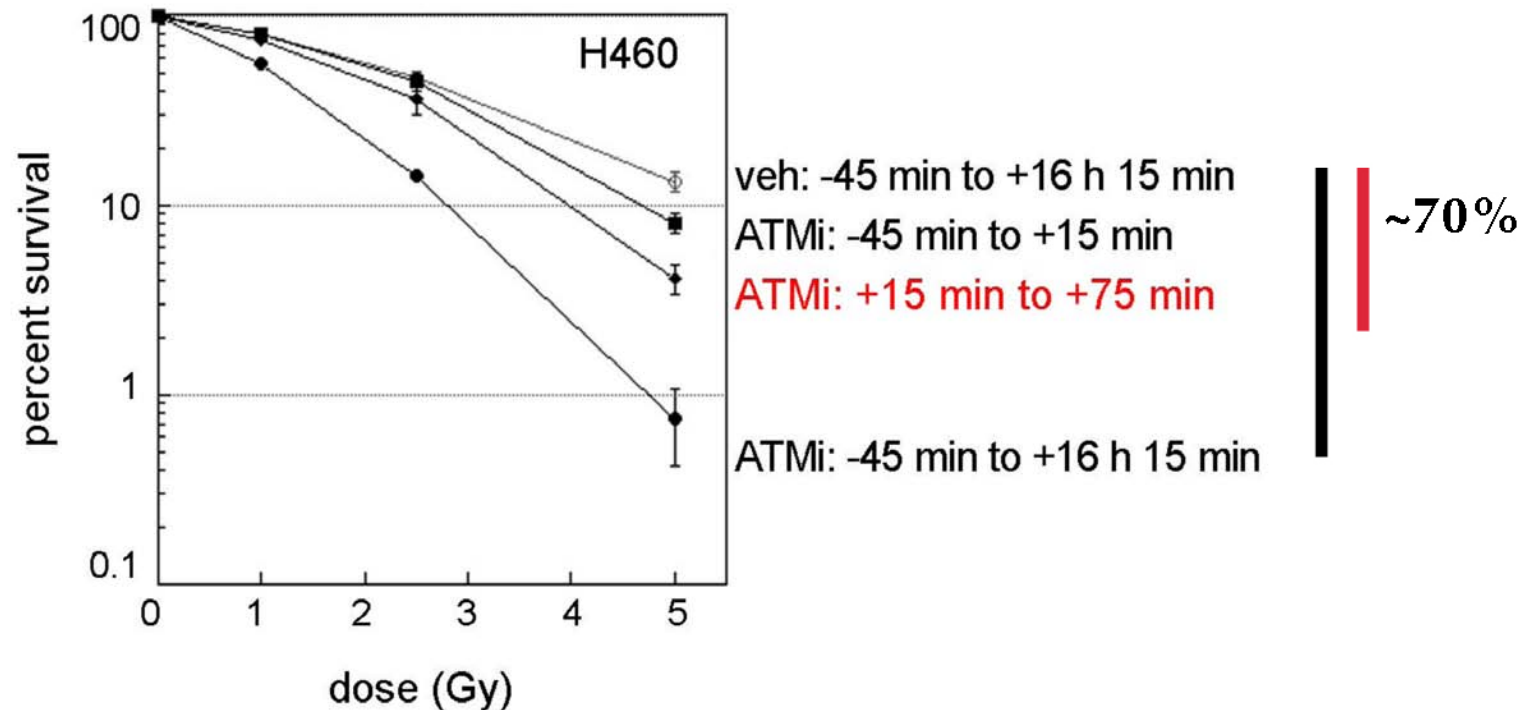
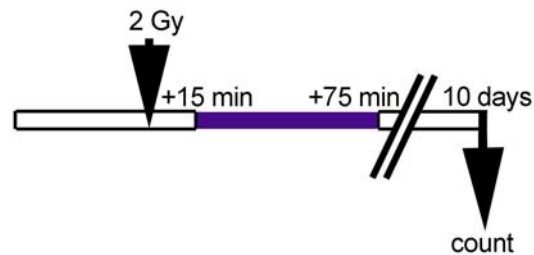
The G<sub>2</sub>/M cell cycle checkpoint is intact when ATM kinase is inhibited from +15 to +75 min following IR



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# Chromosome breakage assay

Cells were harvested 48 h following irradiation using 2 methods:

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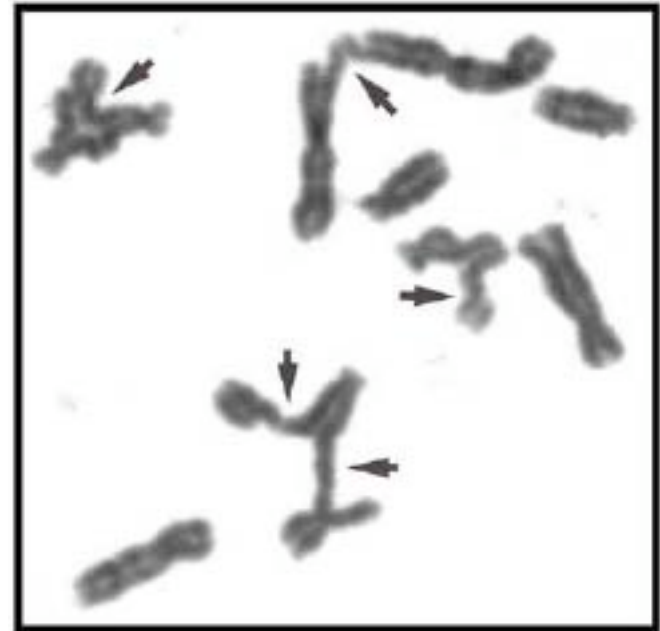
microtubule inhibitor

*M-phase cells*

## Calyculin A

PP1 and PP2A inhibitor that  
prematurely condenses chromatin

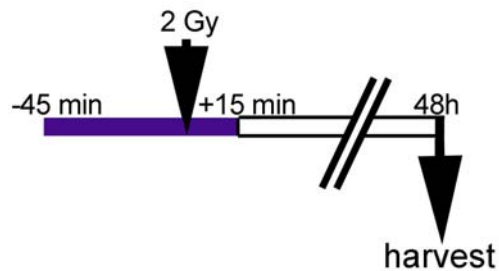
*late S- and G<sub>2</sub>-phase cells*



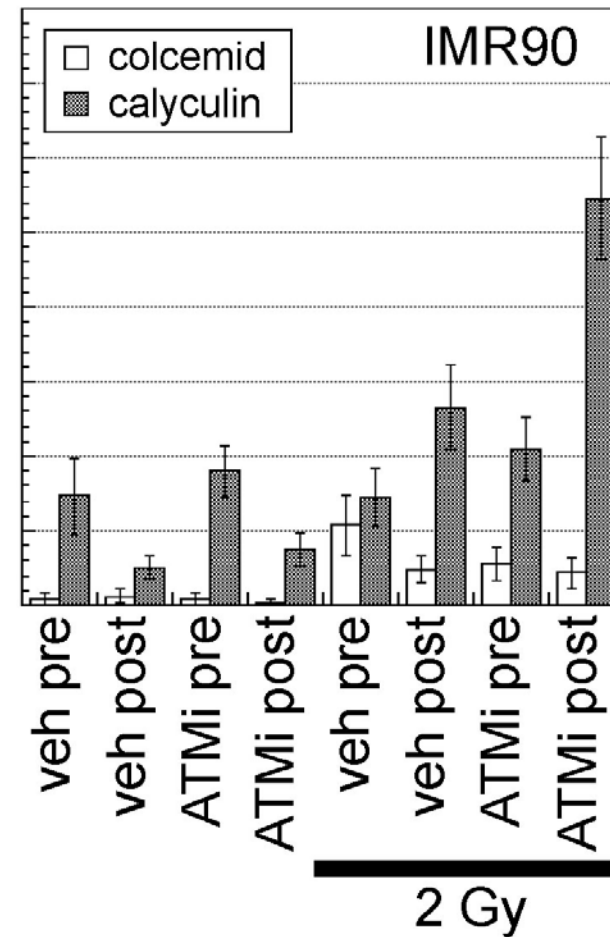
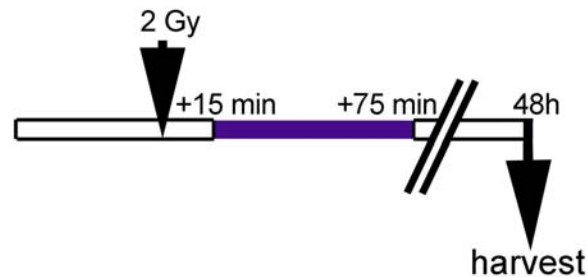
50 “blinded” spreads were scored for each treatment

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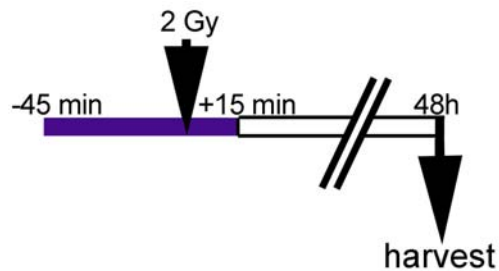
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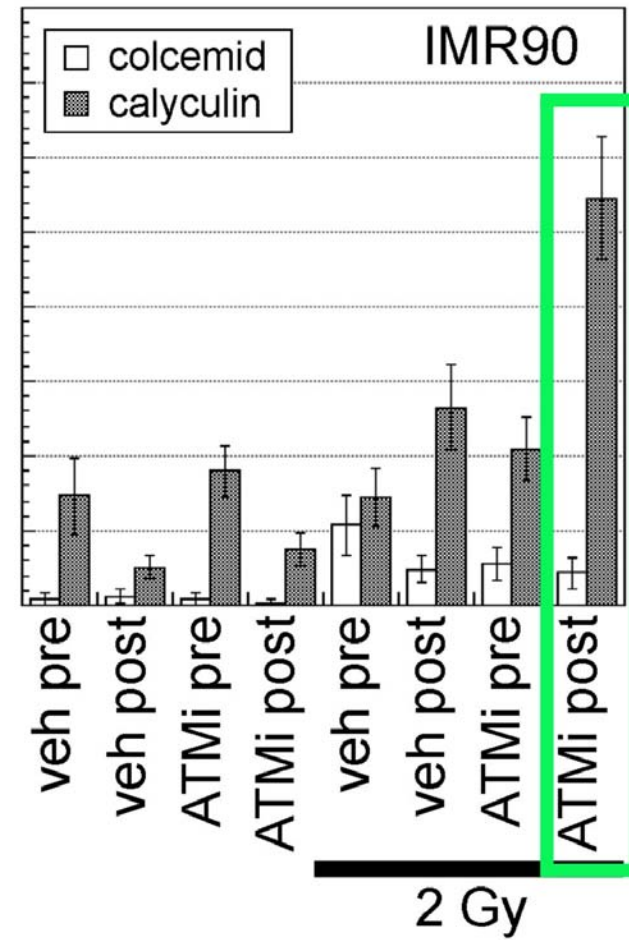
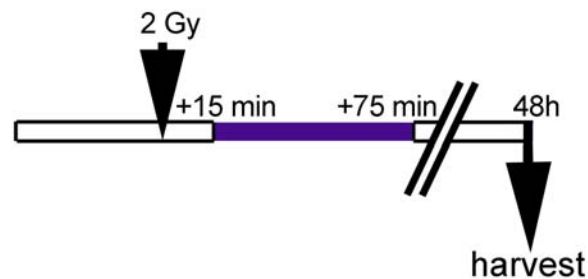


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# Summary Section 1

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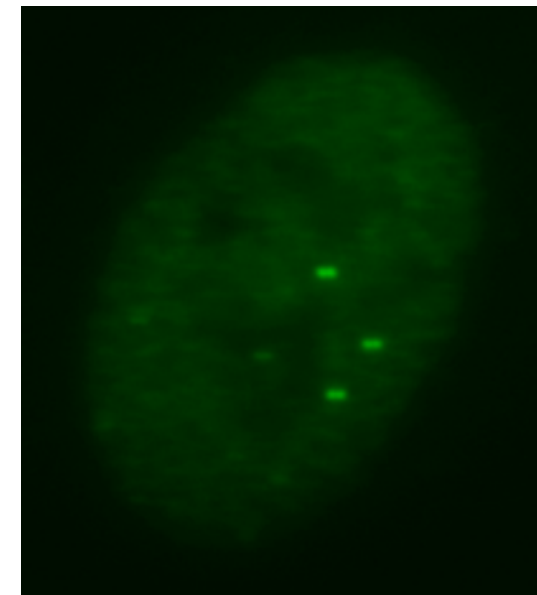
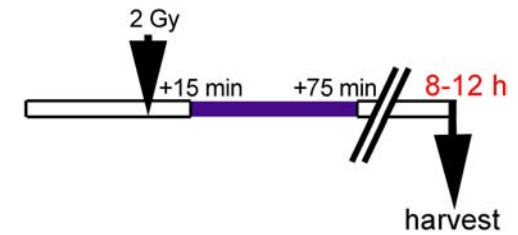
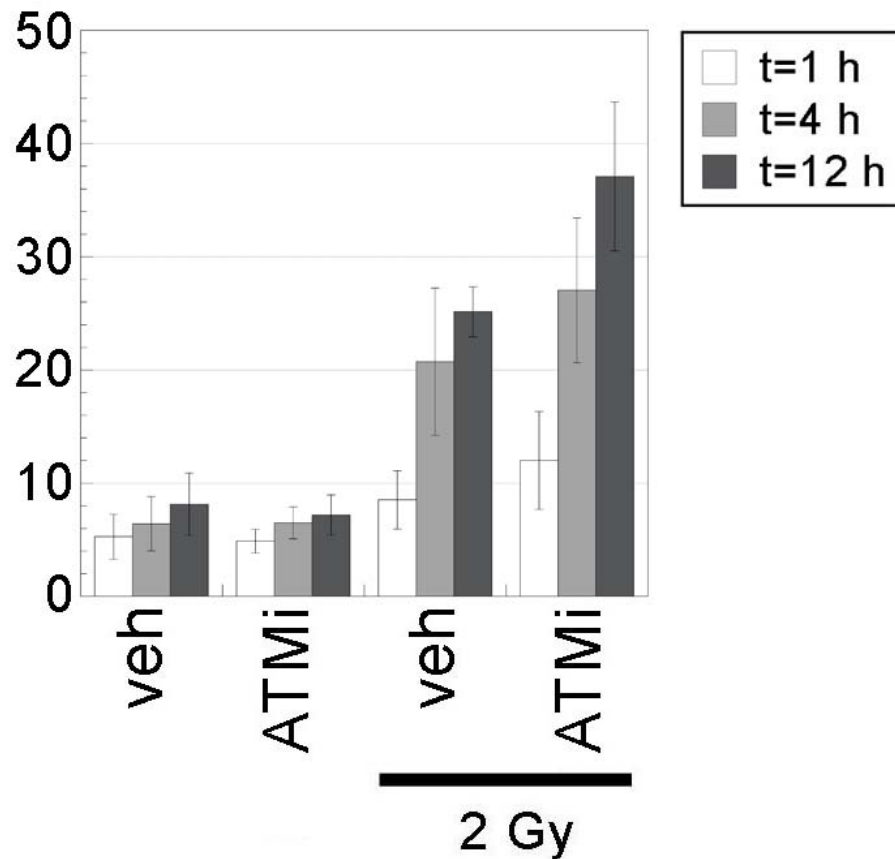
The cellular radiosensitization observed when ATM kinase is inhibited cannot be attributed to abrogation of the  $G_2/M$  cell cycle checkpoint

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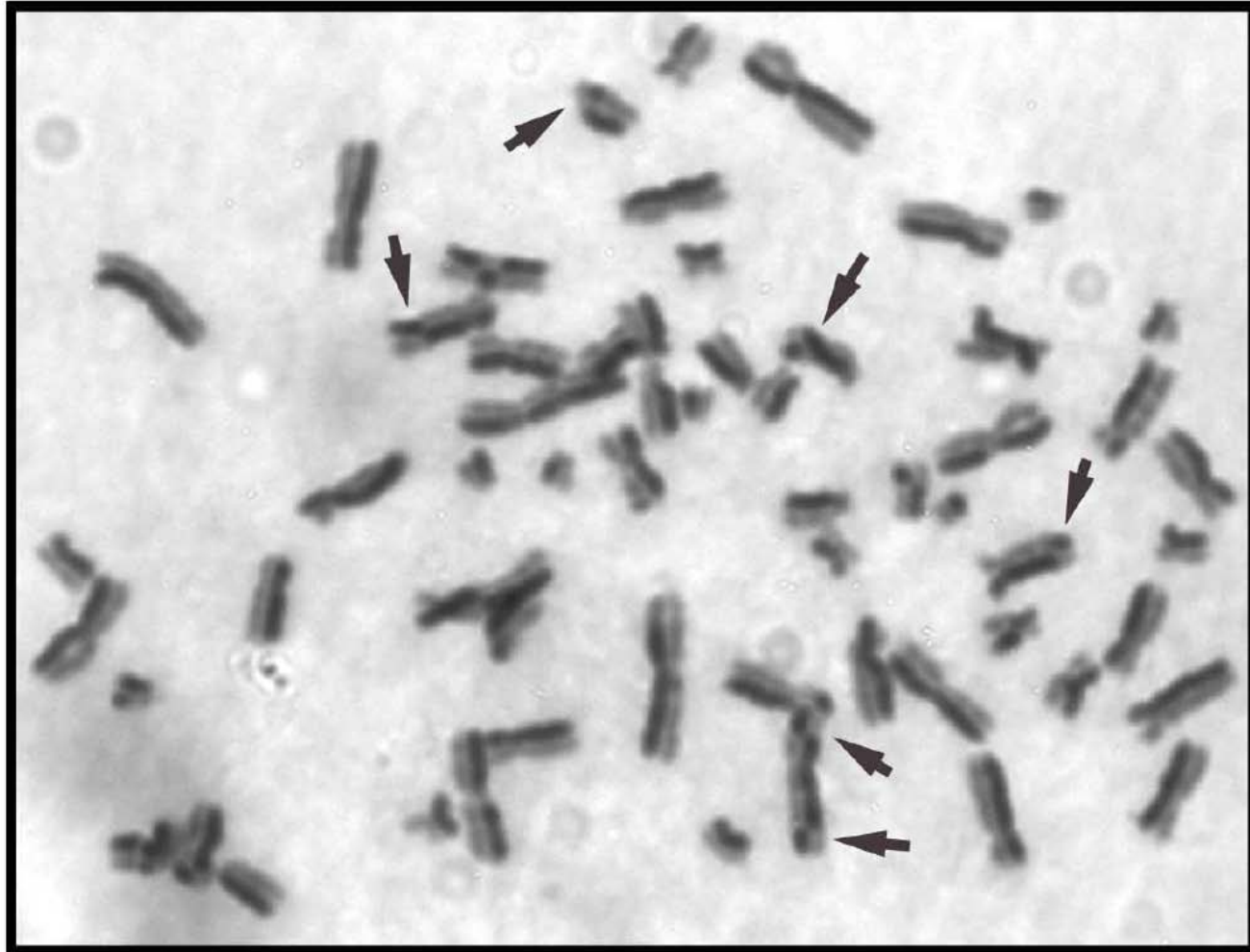
# RPA foci accumulate at 12 h when ATM kinase is inhibited from +15 min to + 75 min following IR

percent positive cells  
+/- SEM



2 Gy + KU55933, t = 12 h

# Sister Chromatid Exchange (SCE)

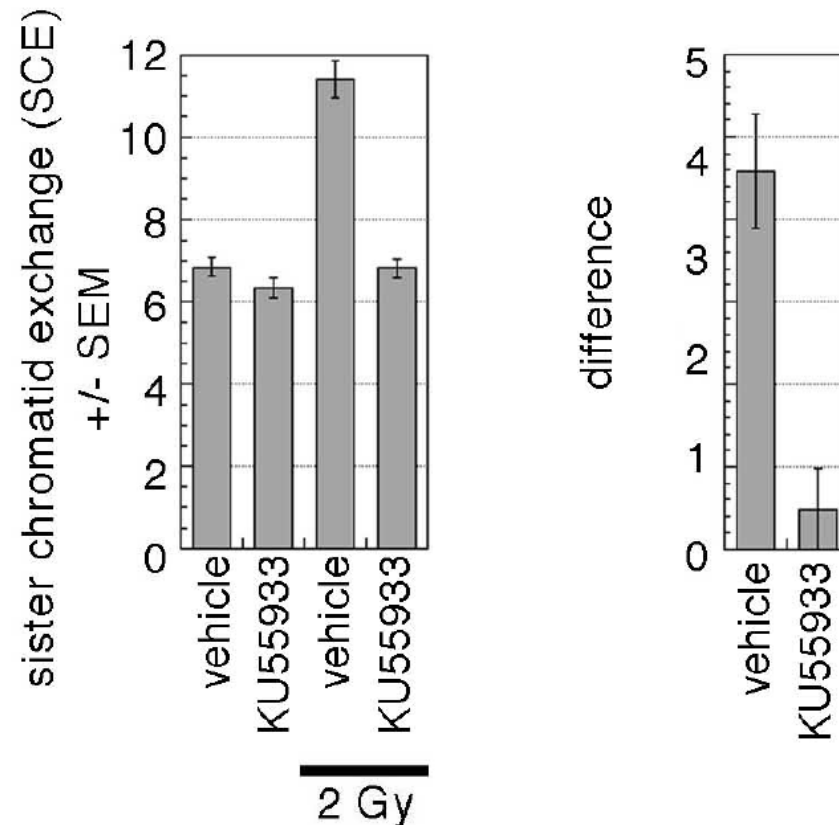


Sister chromatid exchanges following exposure to 2 Gy and ATM kinase inhibition for 1h post-IR

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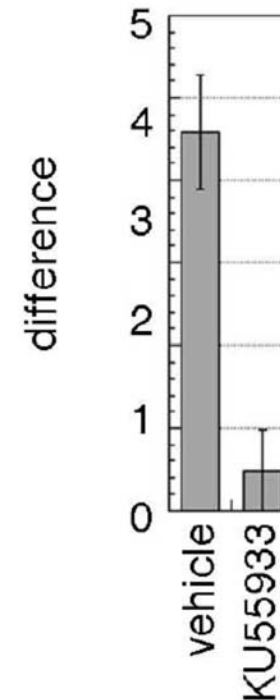
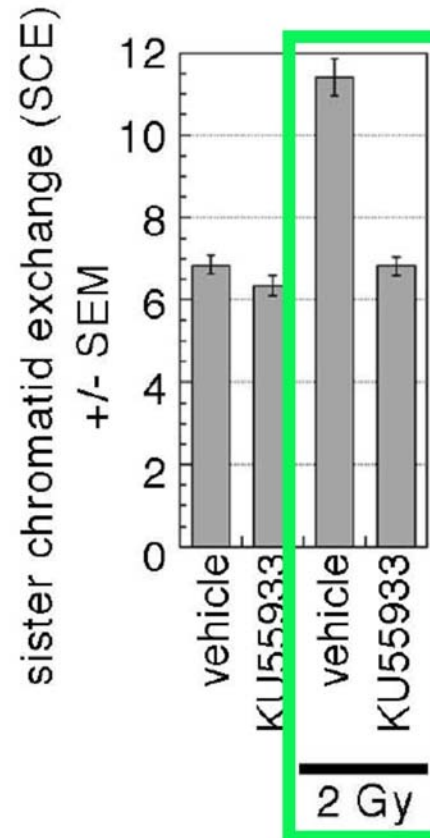
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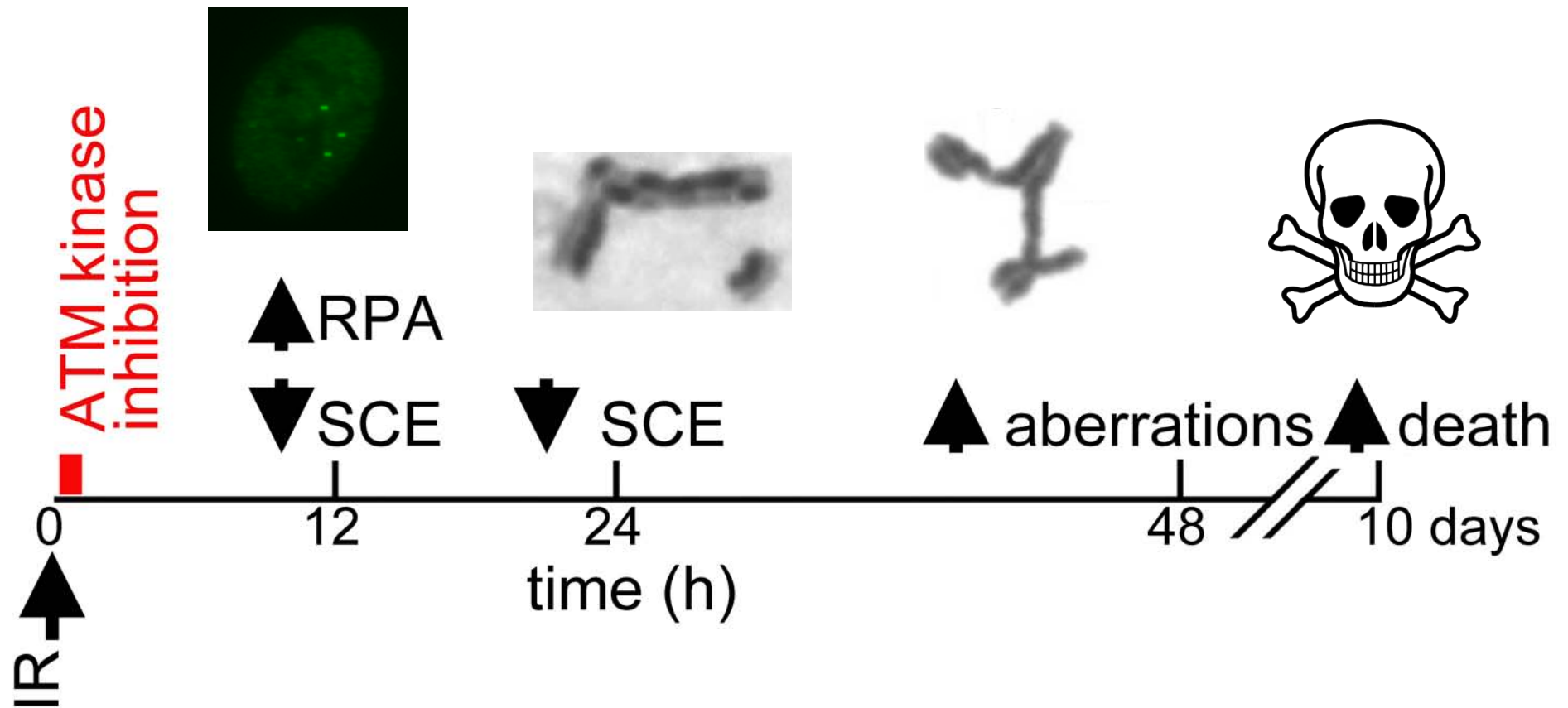


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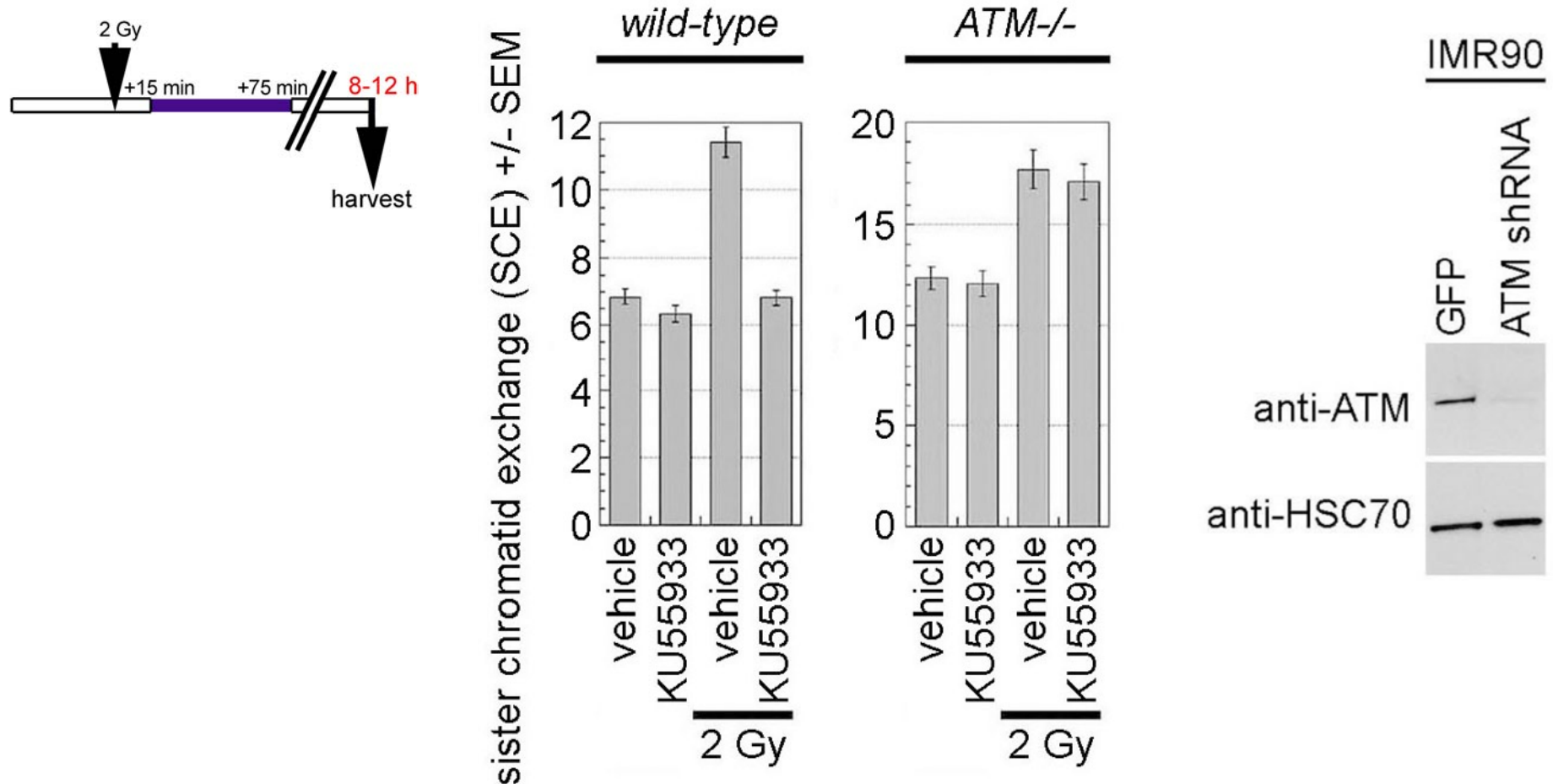




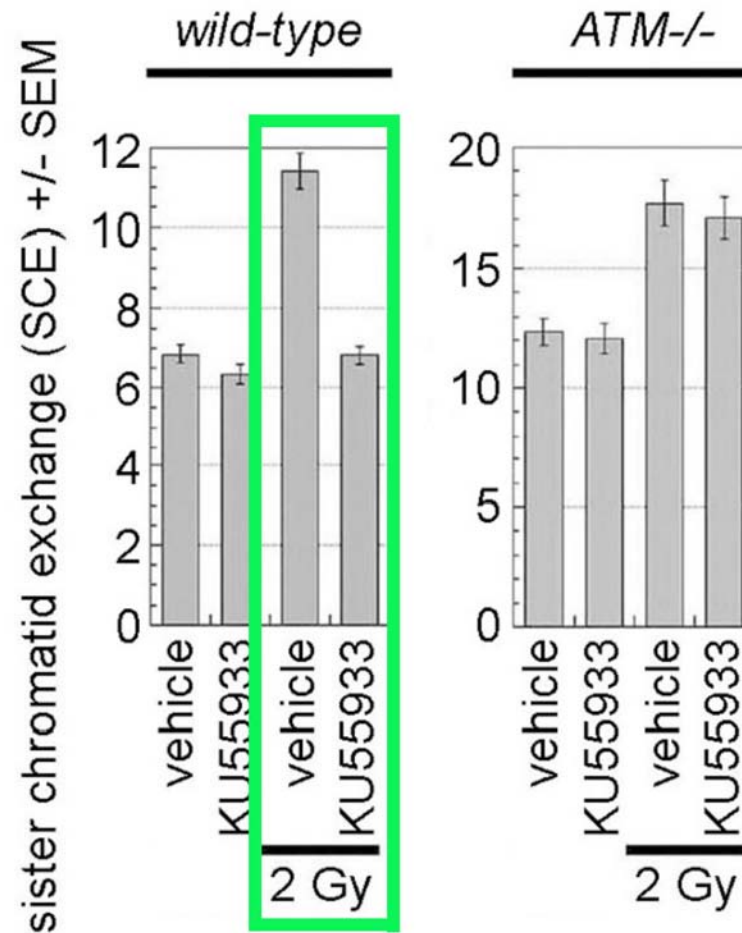
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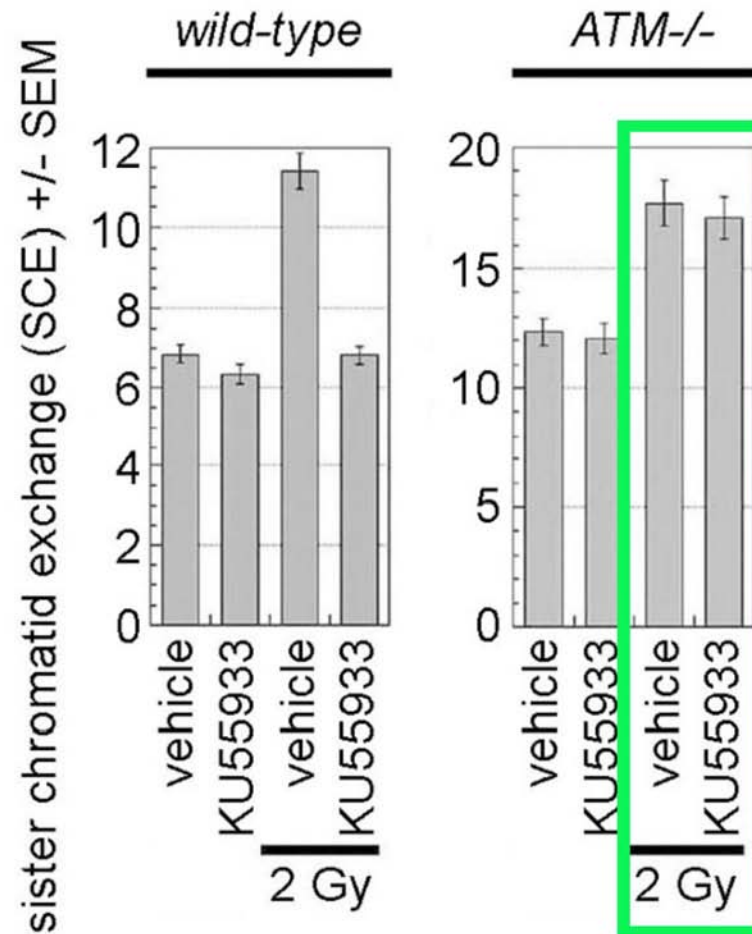
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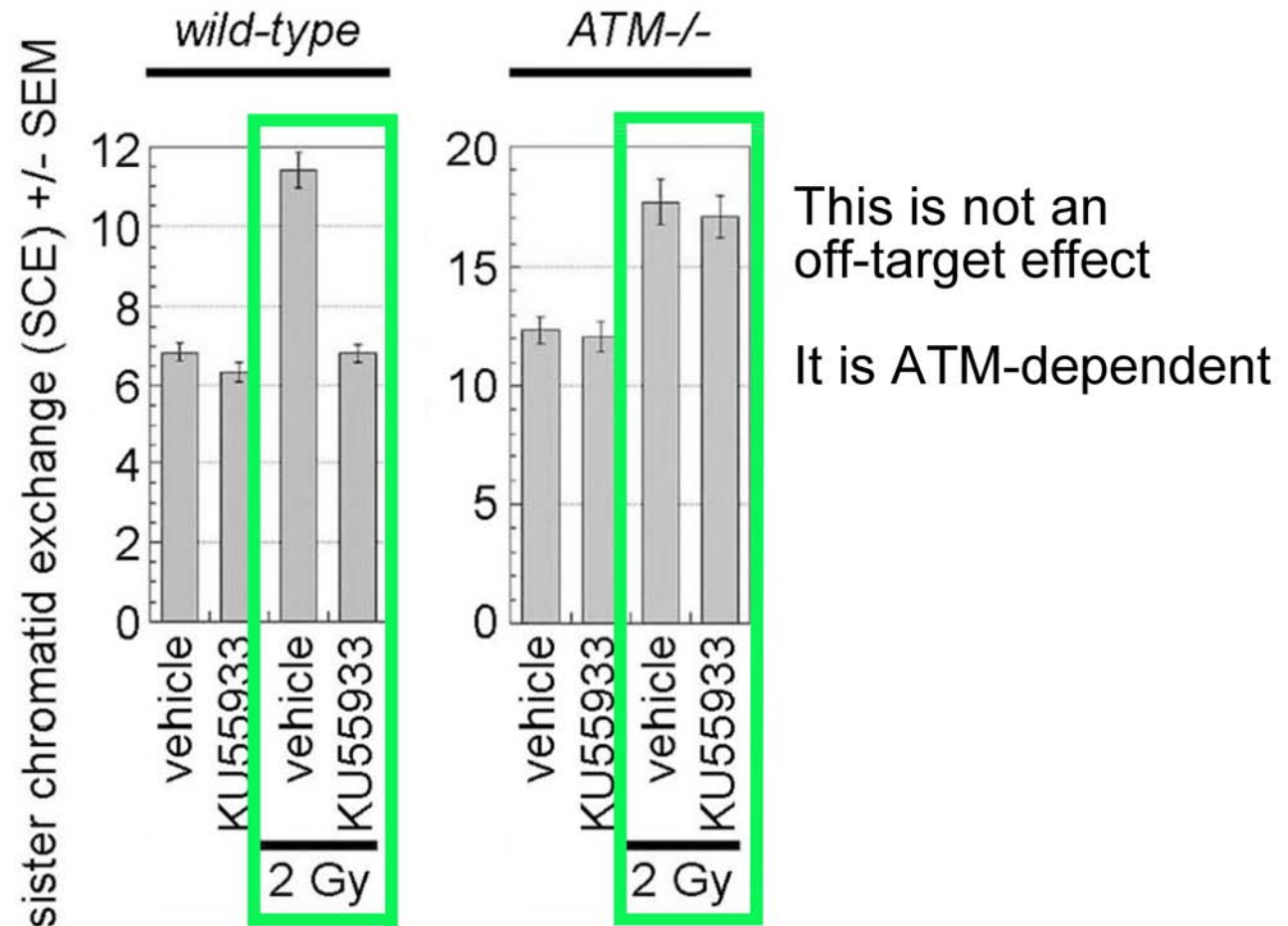
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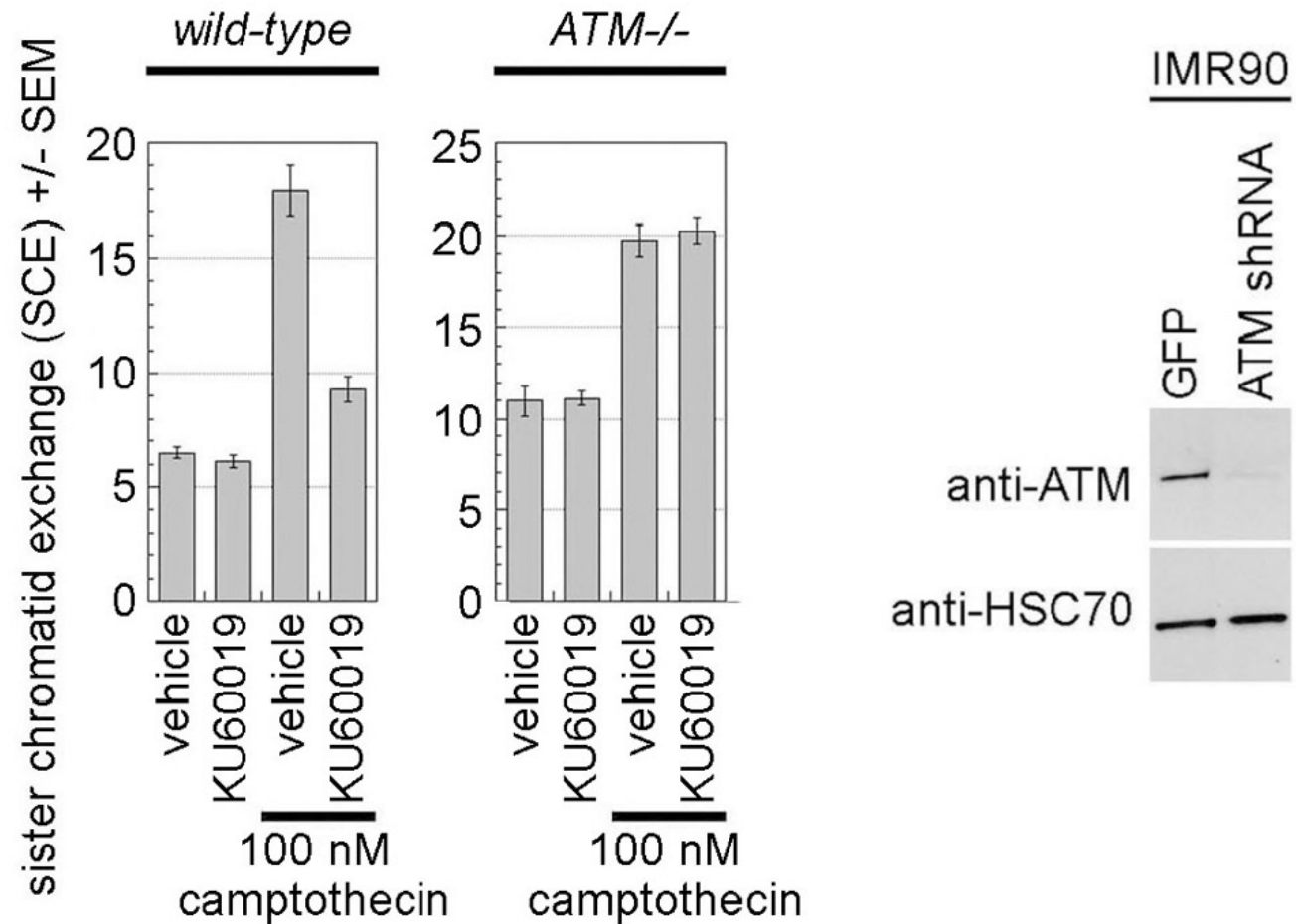


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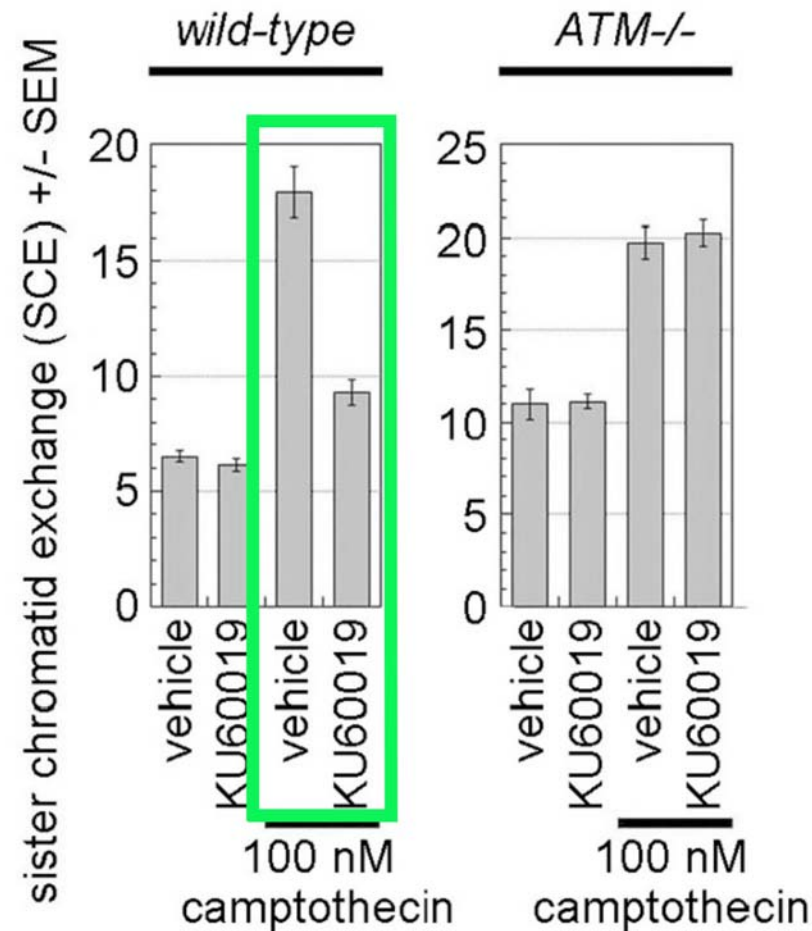




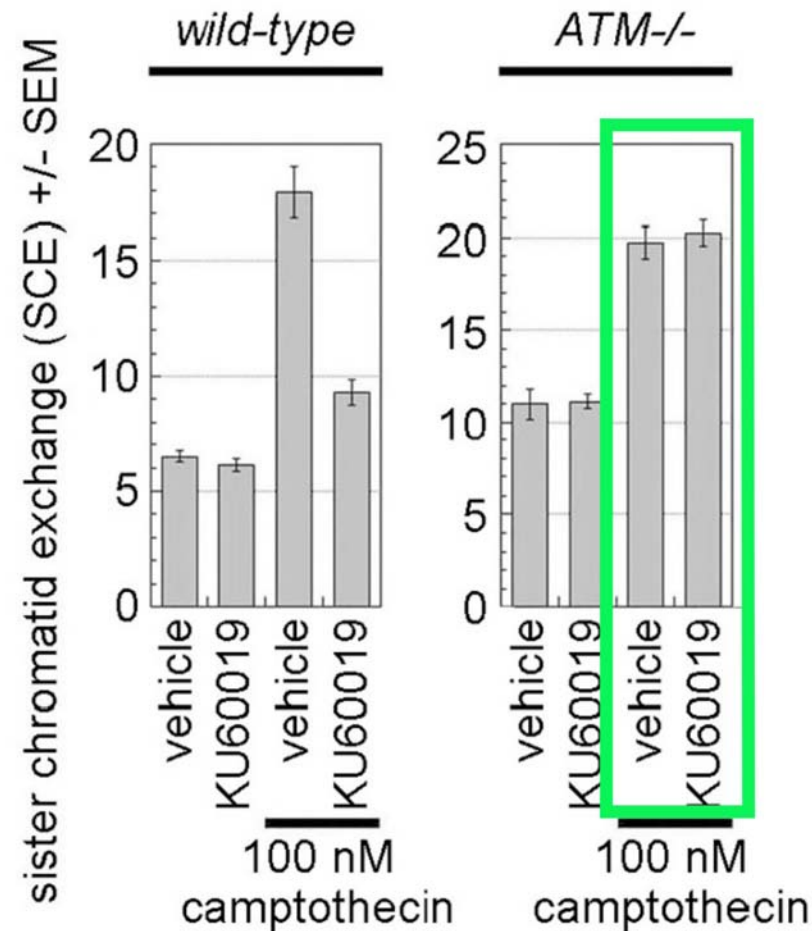
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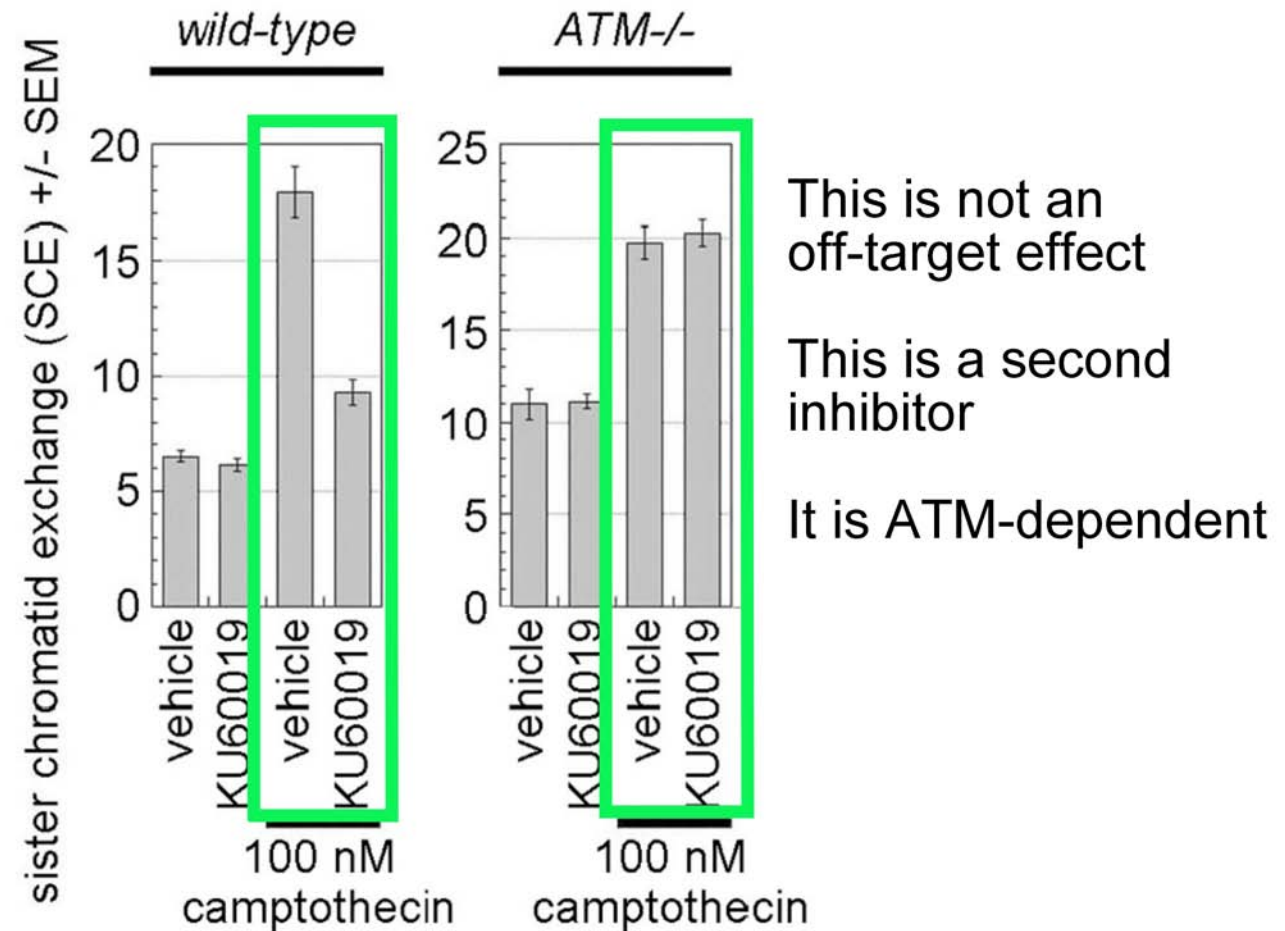
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(Bakkenist, Maria Jasin labs)

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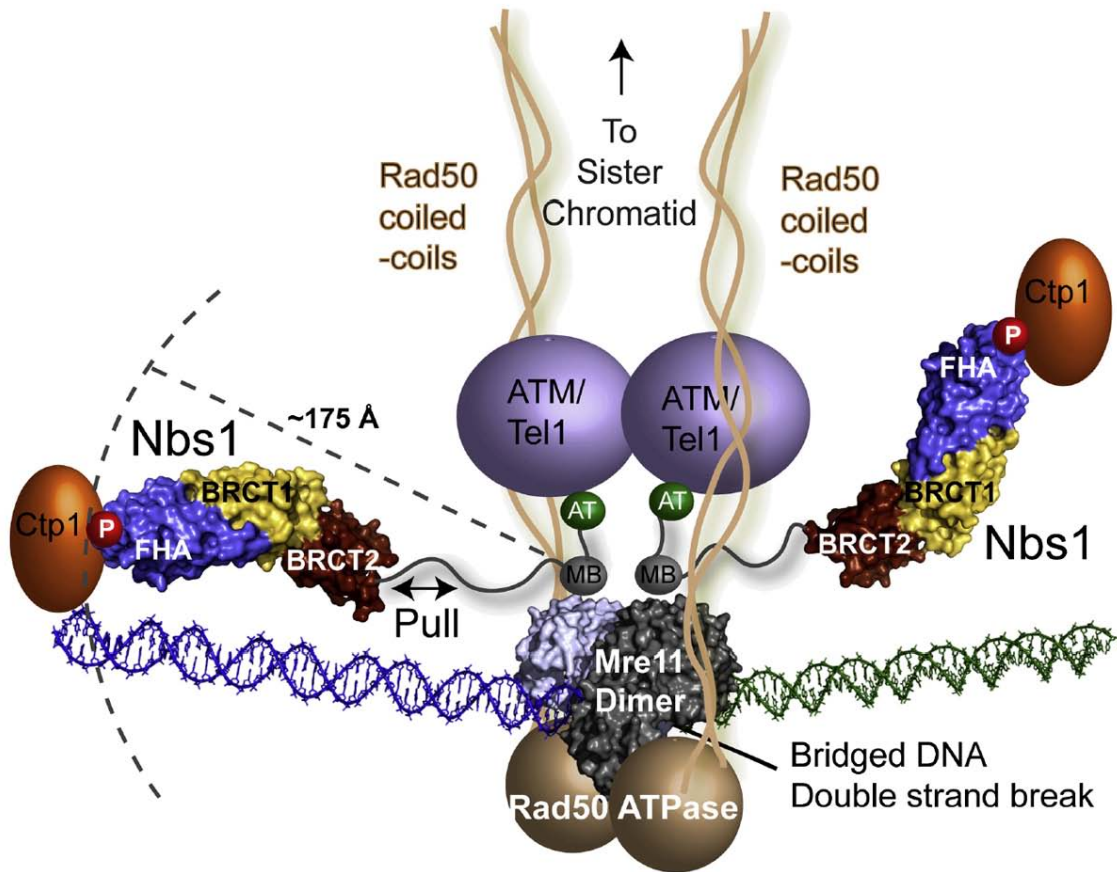
viable

ATM, but kinase-inactive



embryonic lethal  
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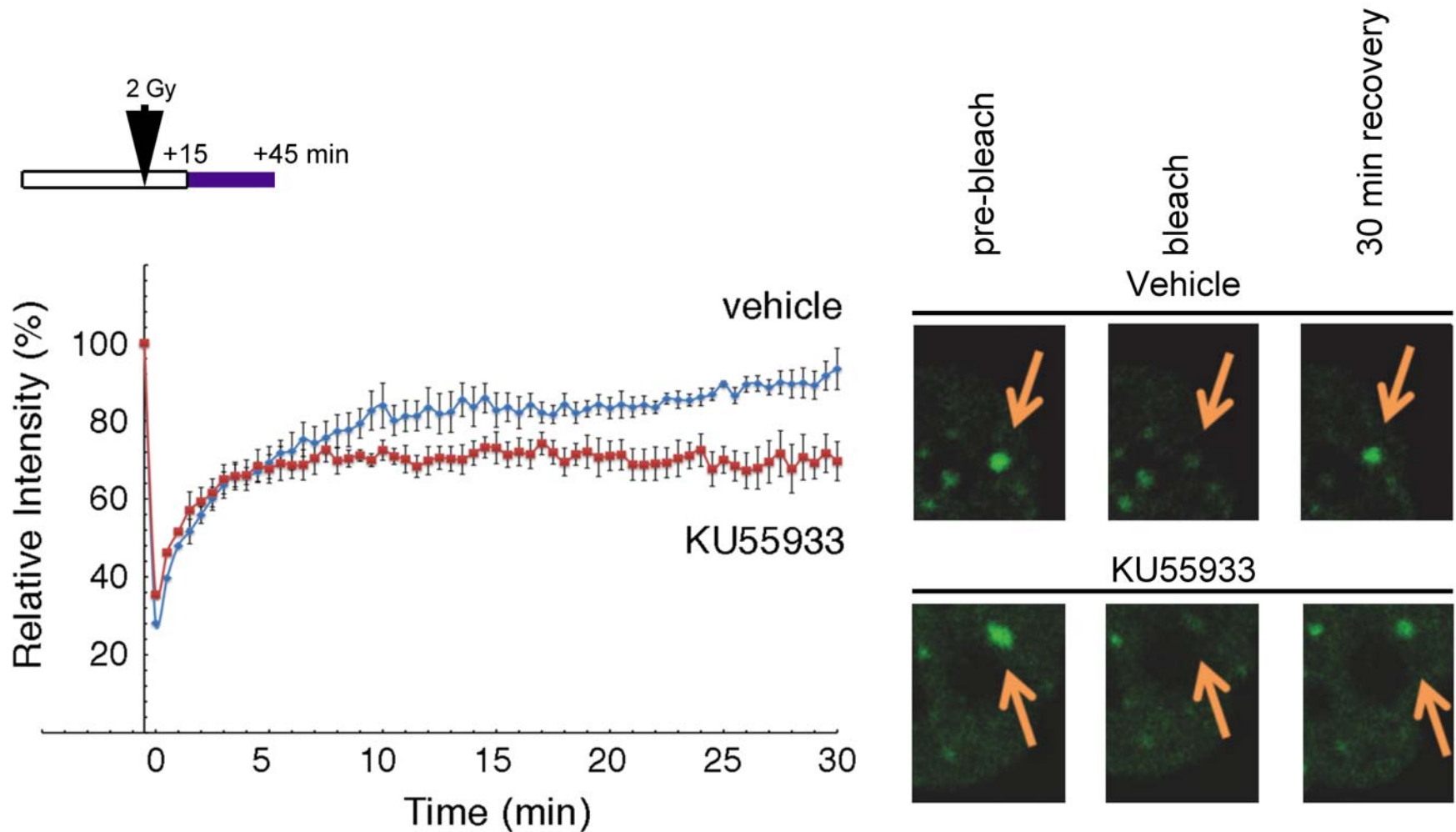
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- NBS1 appears to be a hub that promotes the integration of DNA repair activities by interface exchange and handoff interactions with multiple partners
- We hypothesize that ATM kinase is positioned to promote, or when inhibited, block these exchanges.

# ATM kinase inhibition at +15 post-IR disrupts 53BP1 foci

## FRAP with Simon Watkins



Choi et al., in preparation

## Summary Section 2

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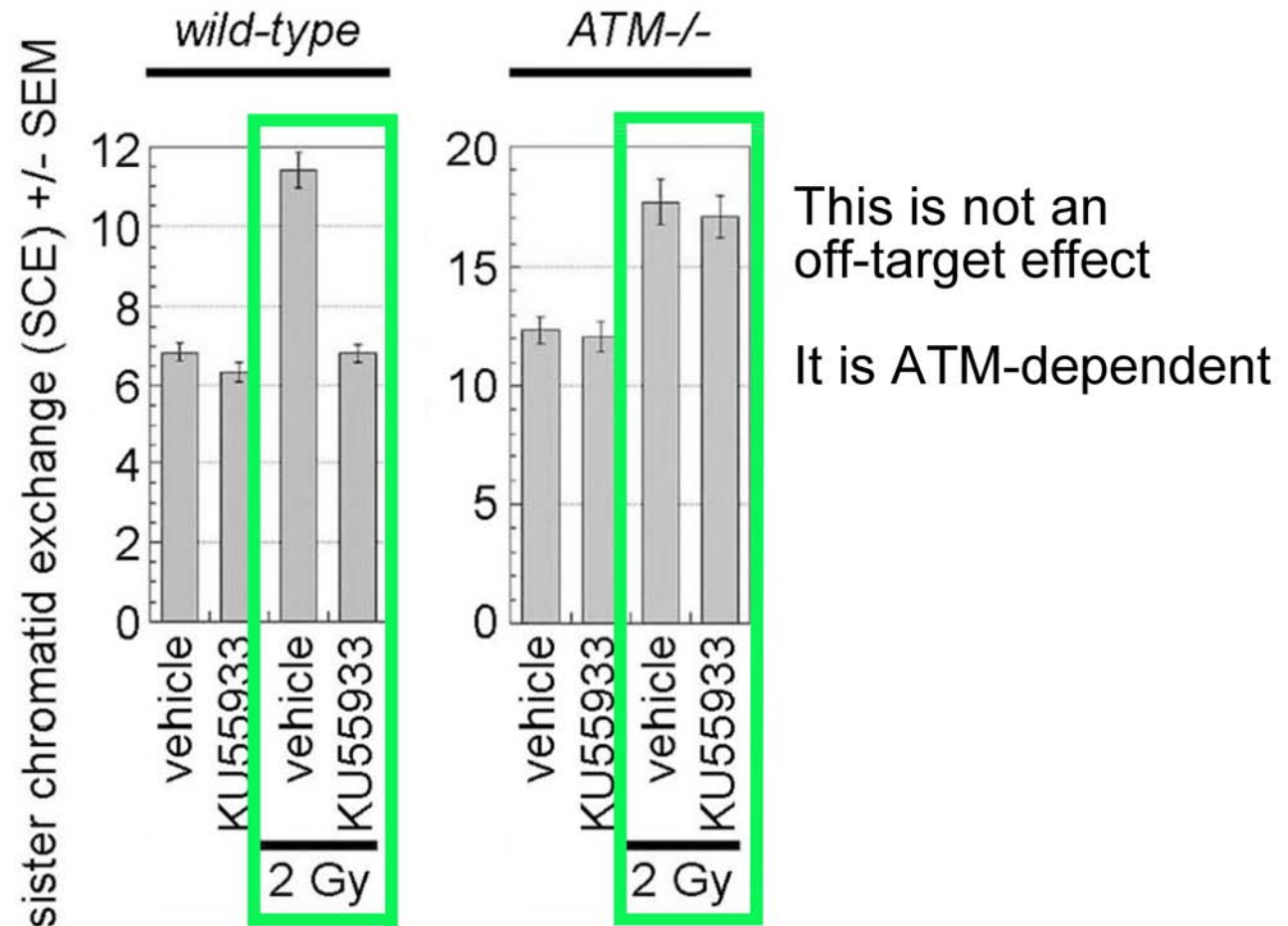
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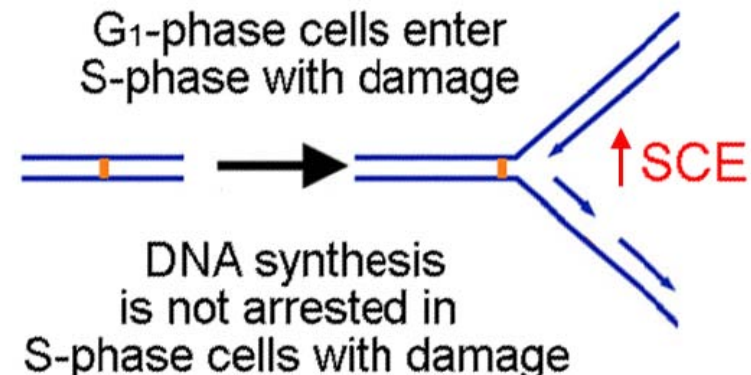
# Radio-resistant DNA synthesis (RDS)

- DNA synthesis is not inhibited following irradiation in A-T cells due to a failure to inhibit late-origin firing

*Intact cell cycle checkpoint*

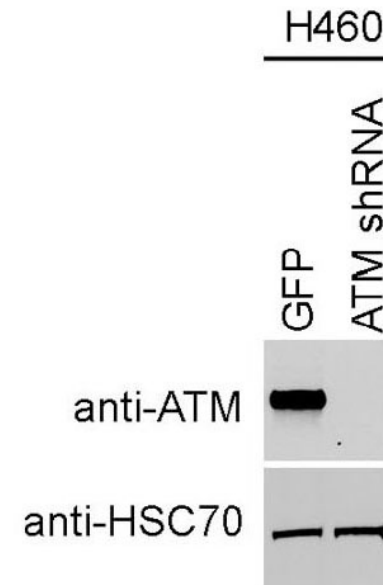
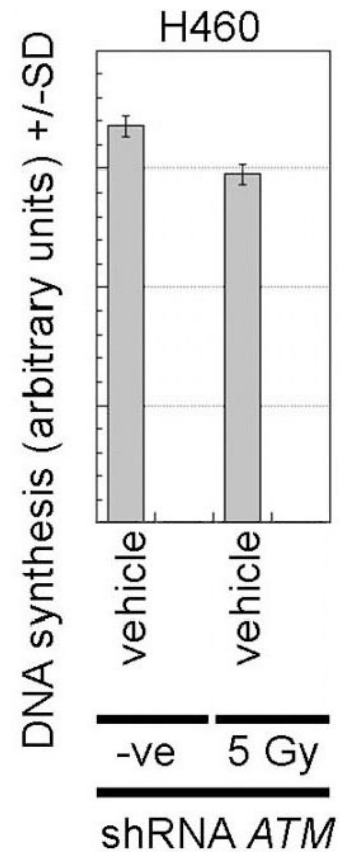
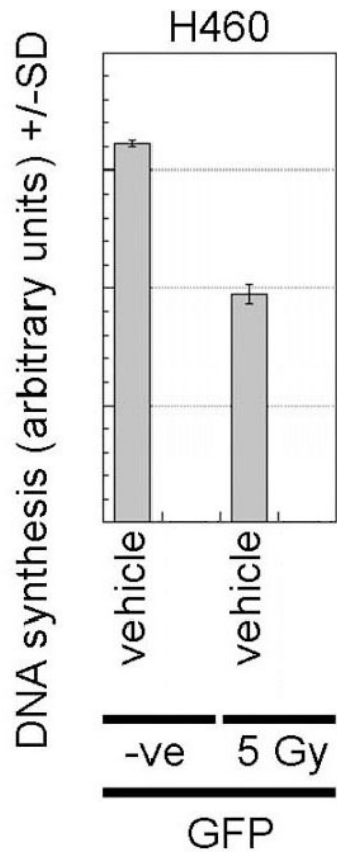


*Disrupted cell cycle checkpoint*

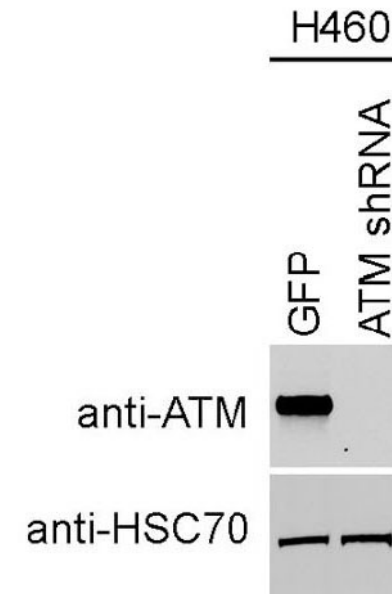
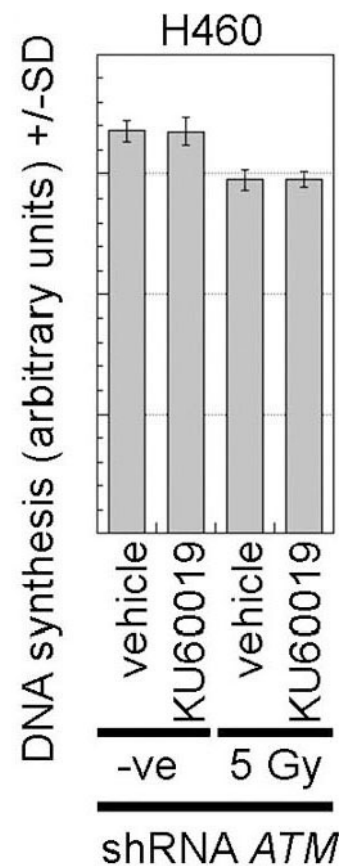
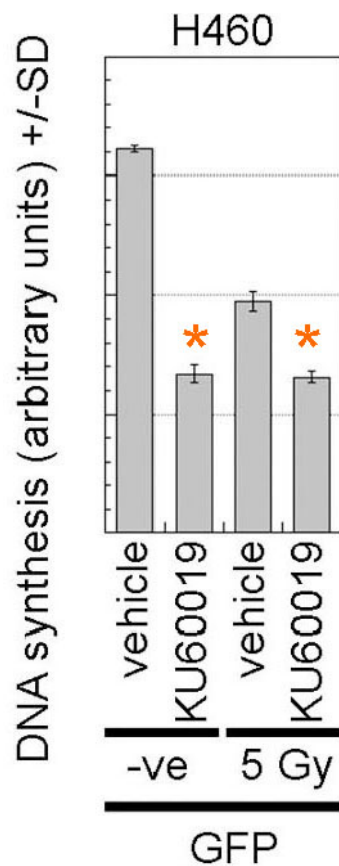




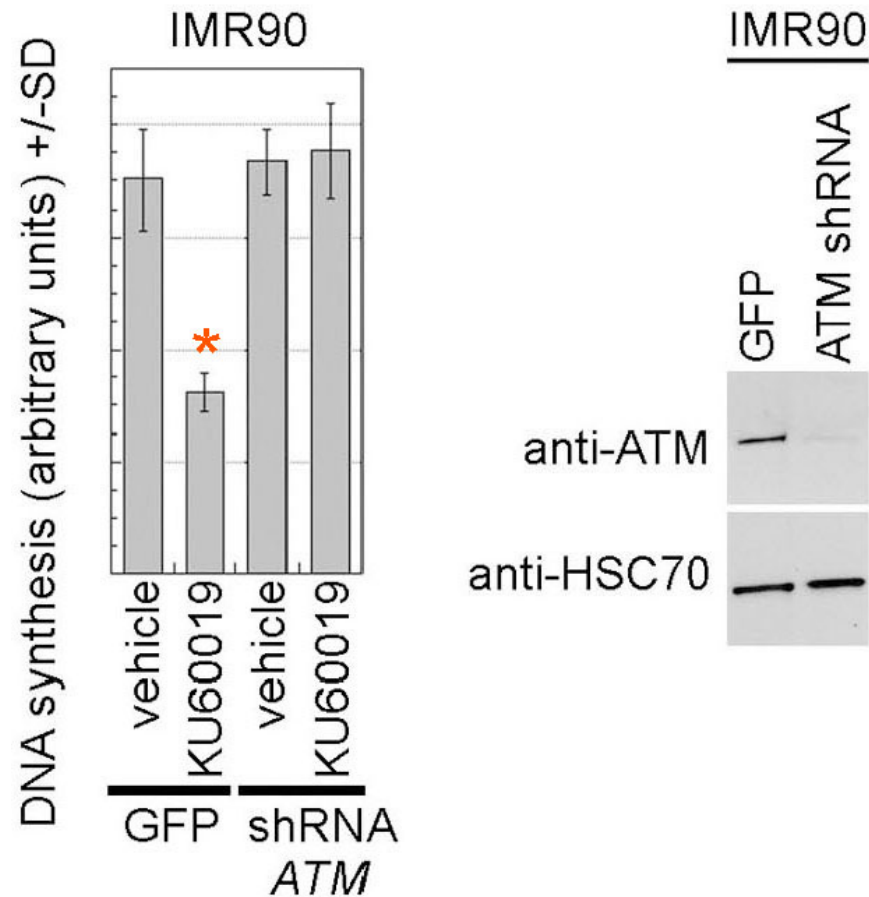
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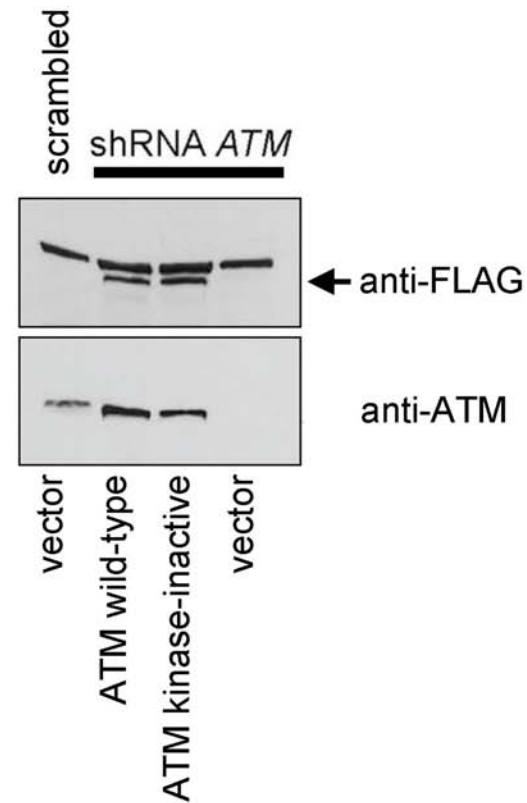
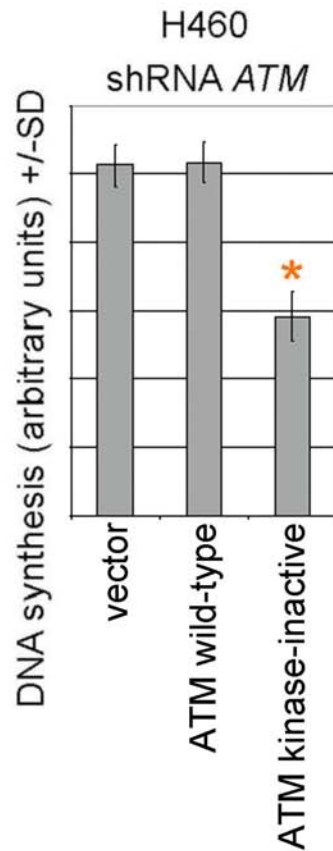
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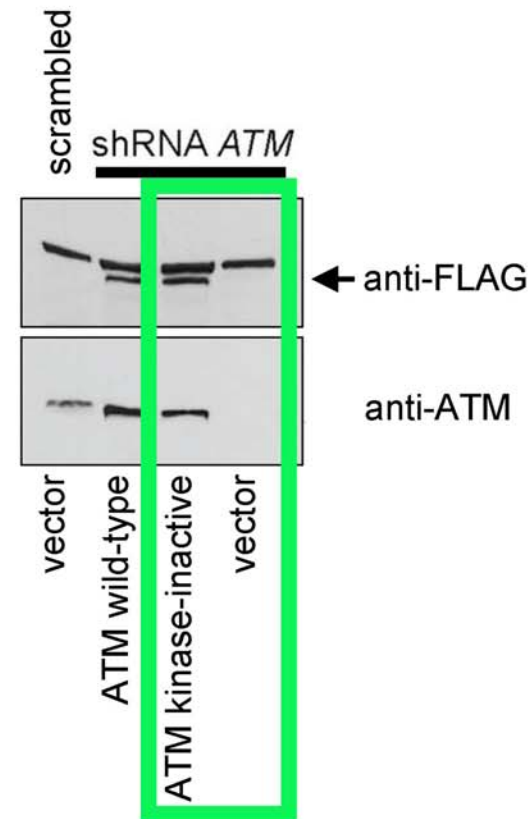
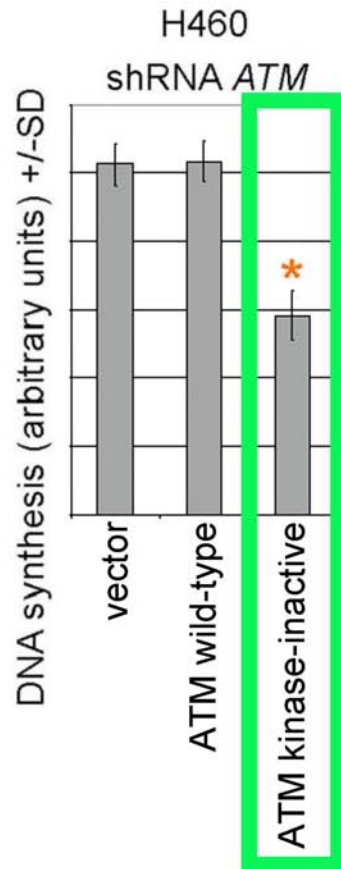
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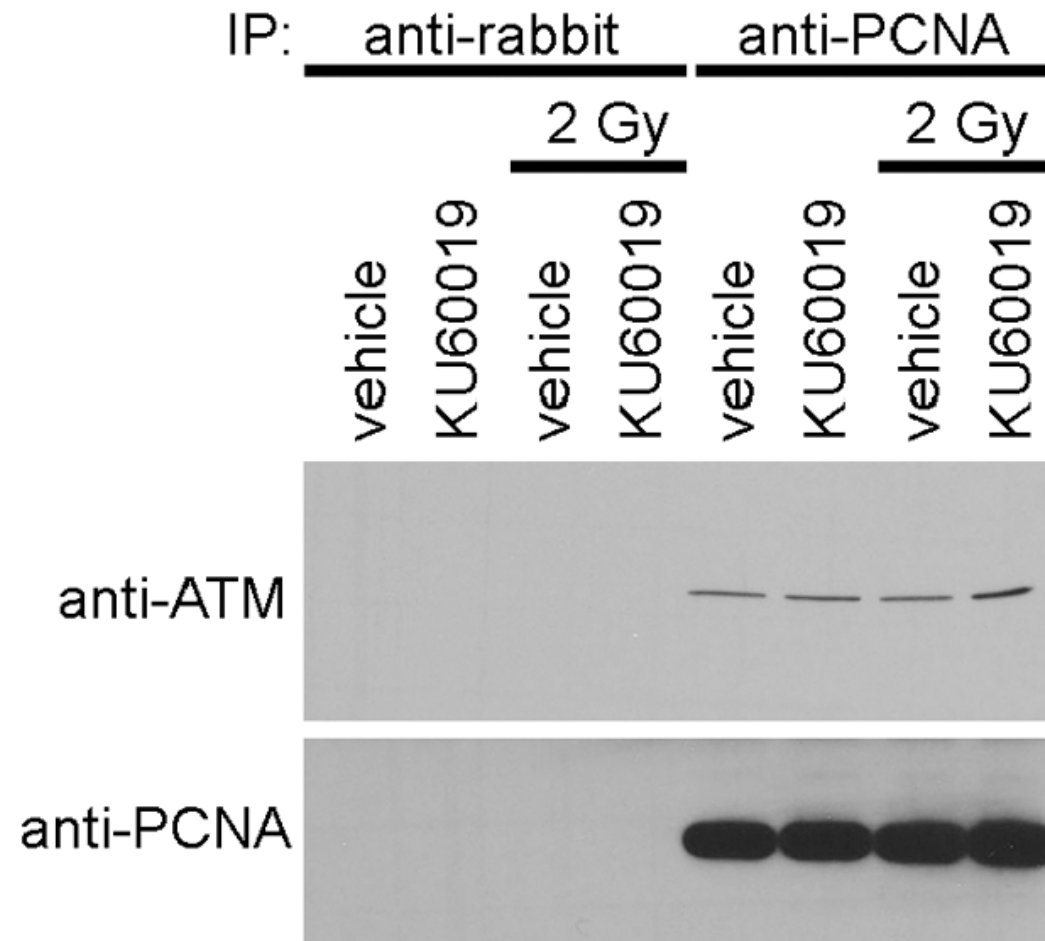
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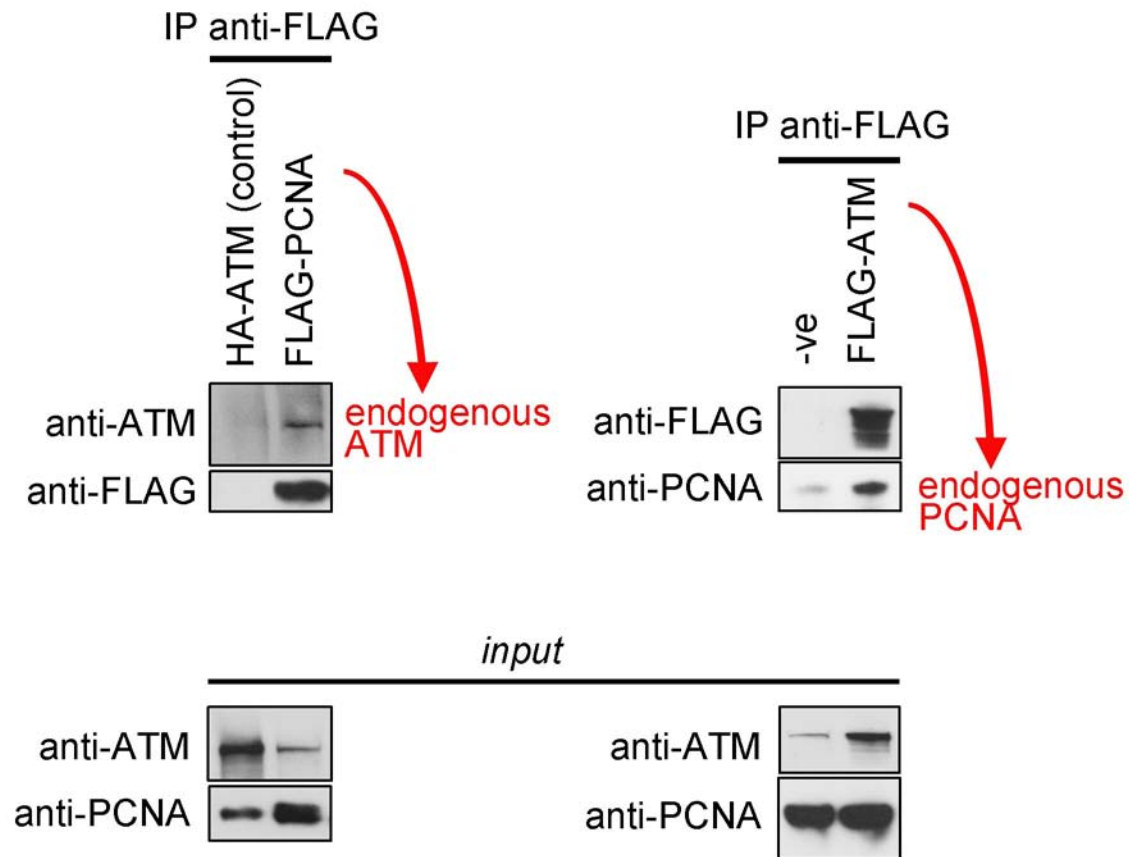


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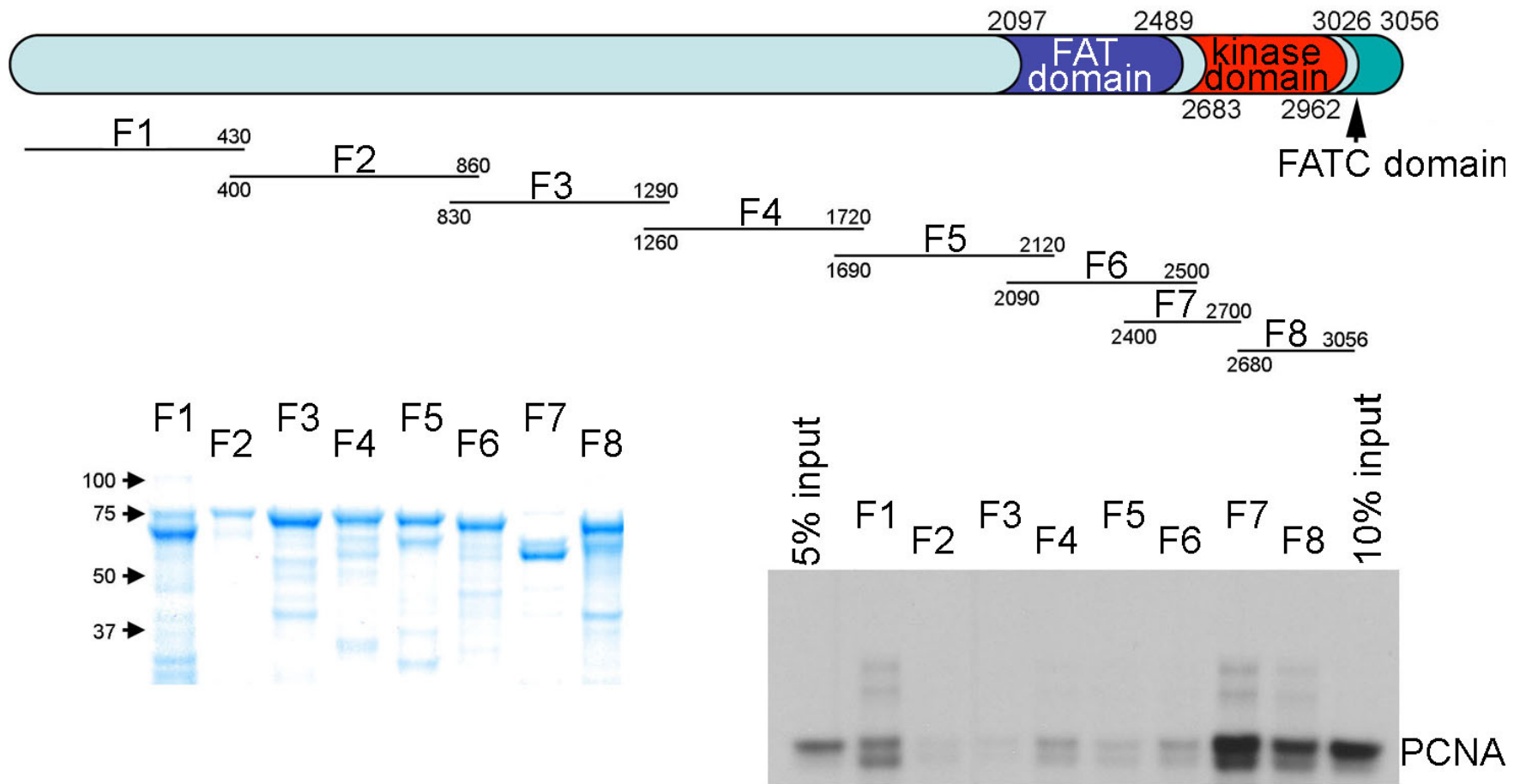




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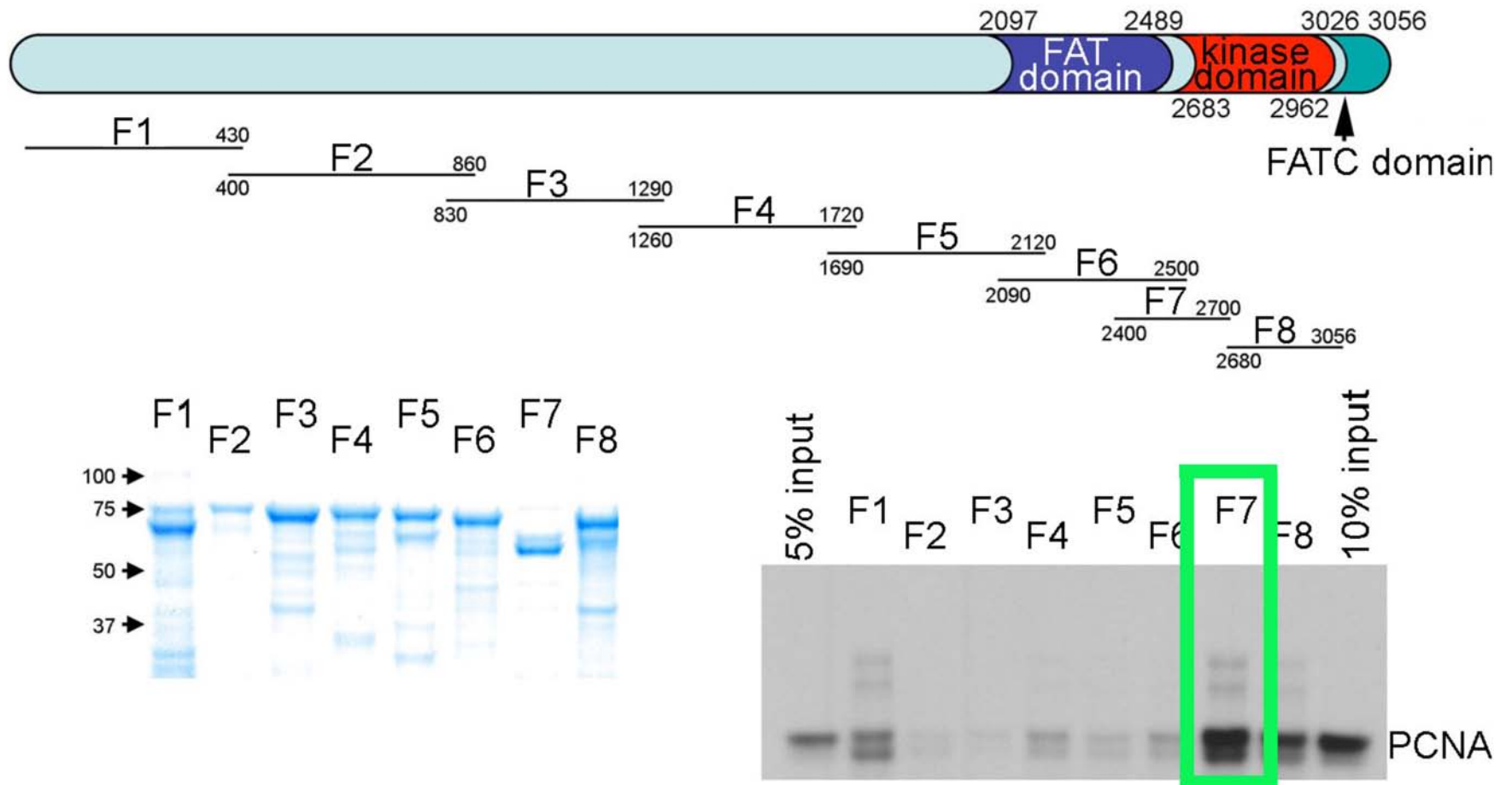
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Thank you Dr. Titia de Lange

Gamper, Choi, et al. in review

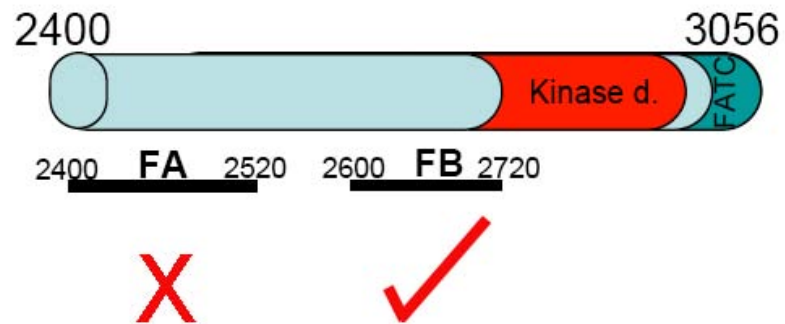
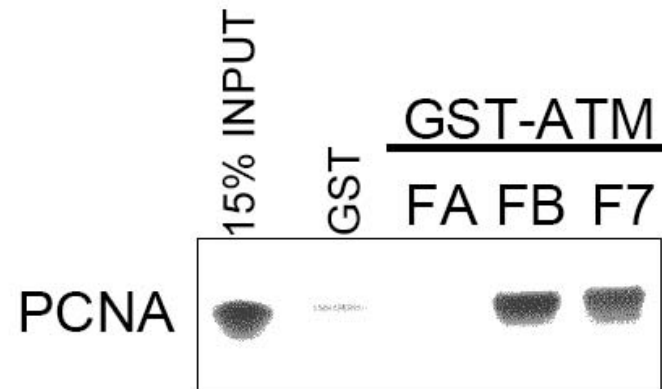
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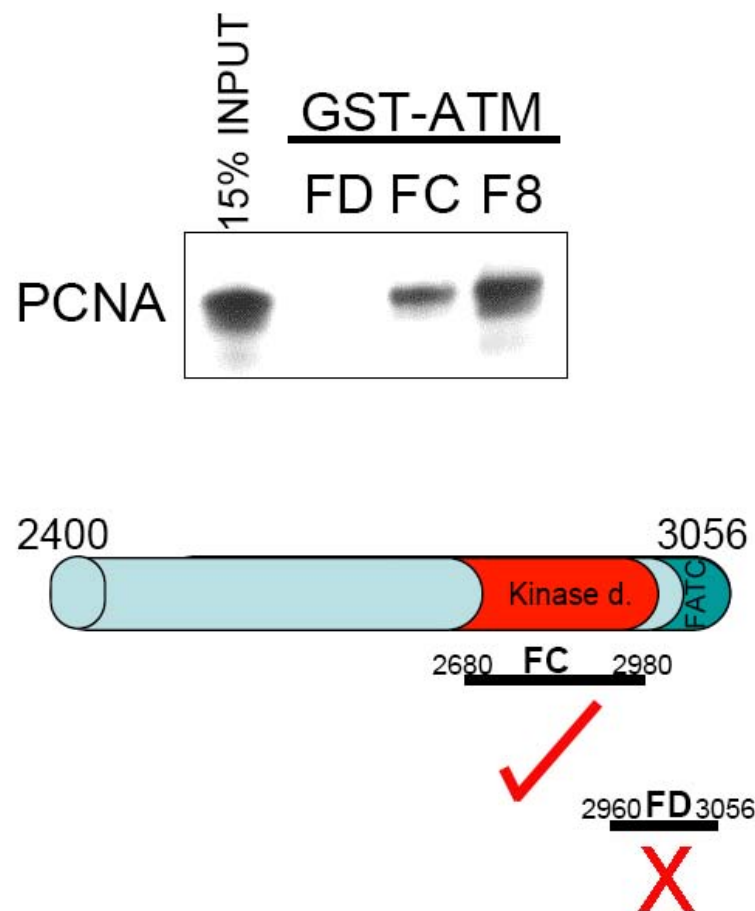
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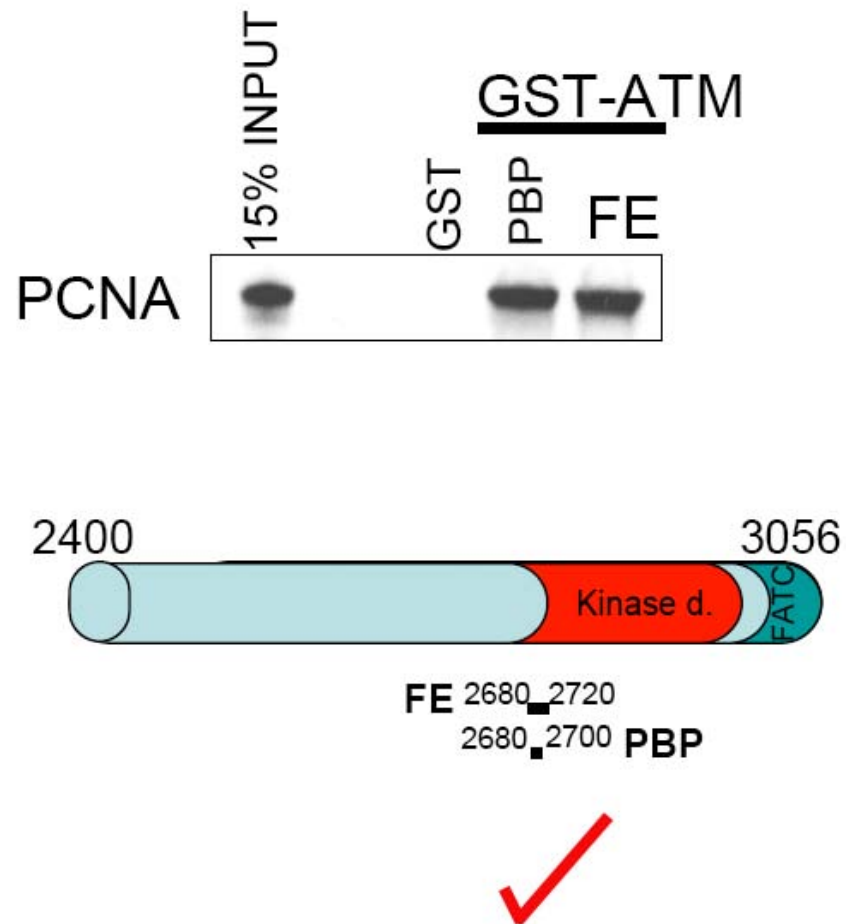
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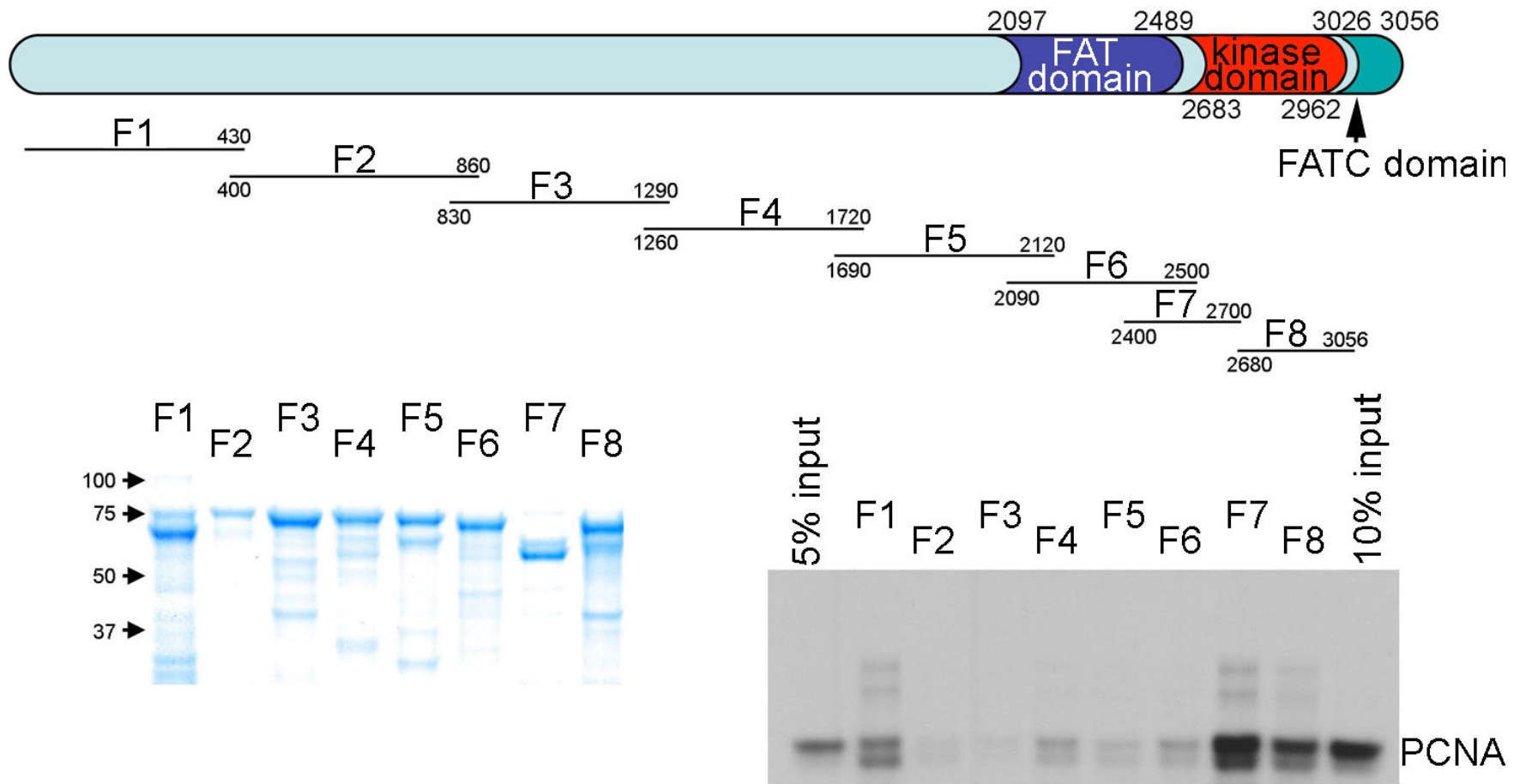


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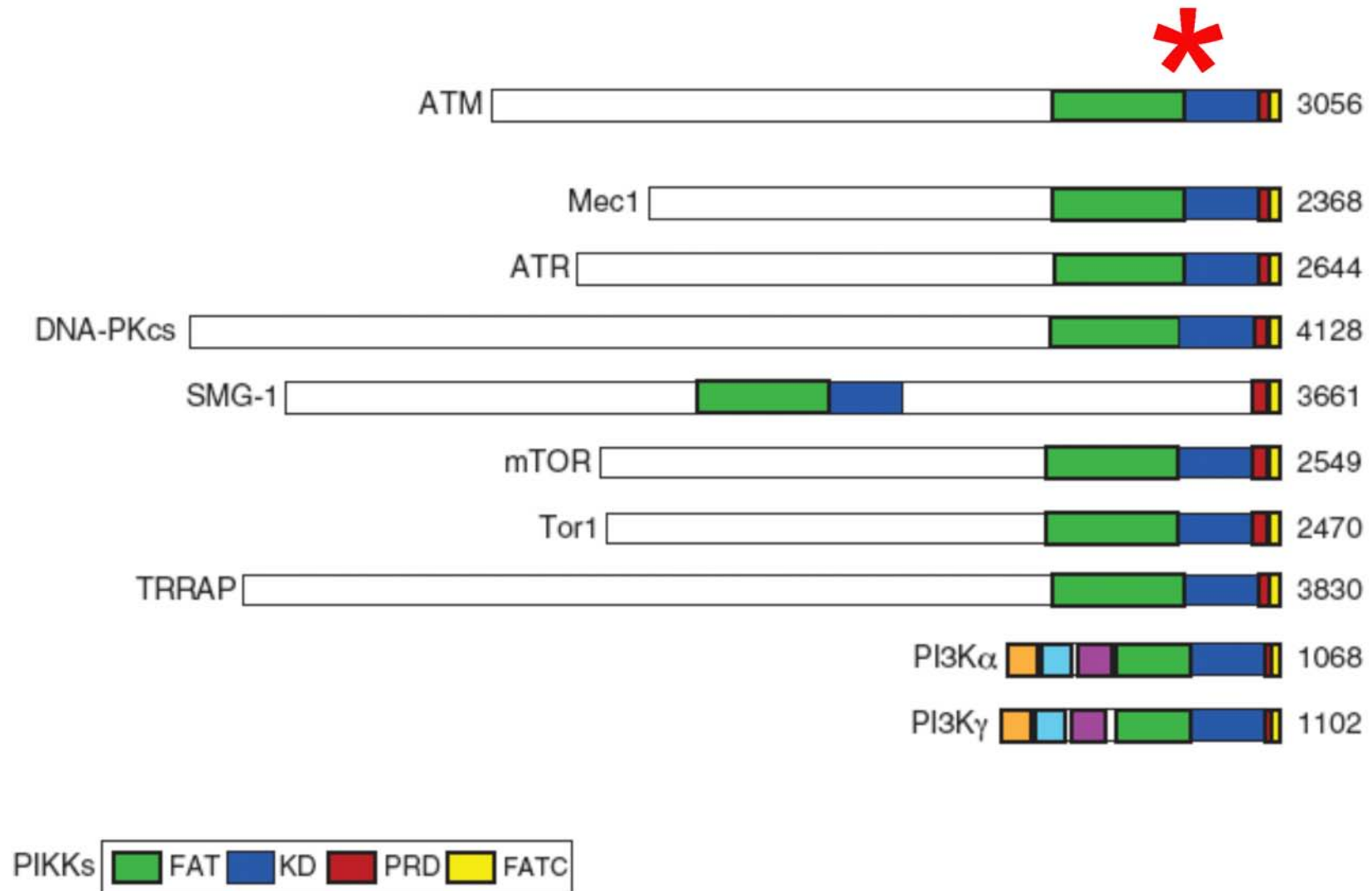
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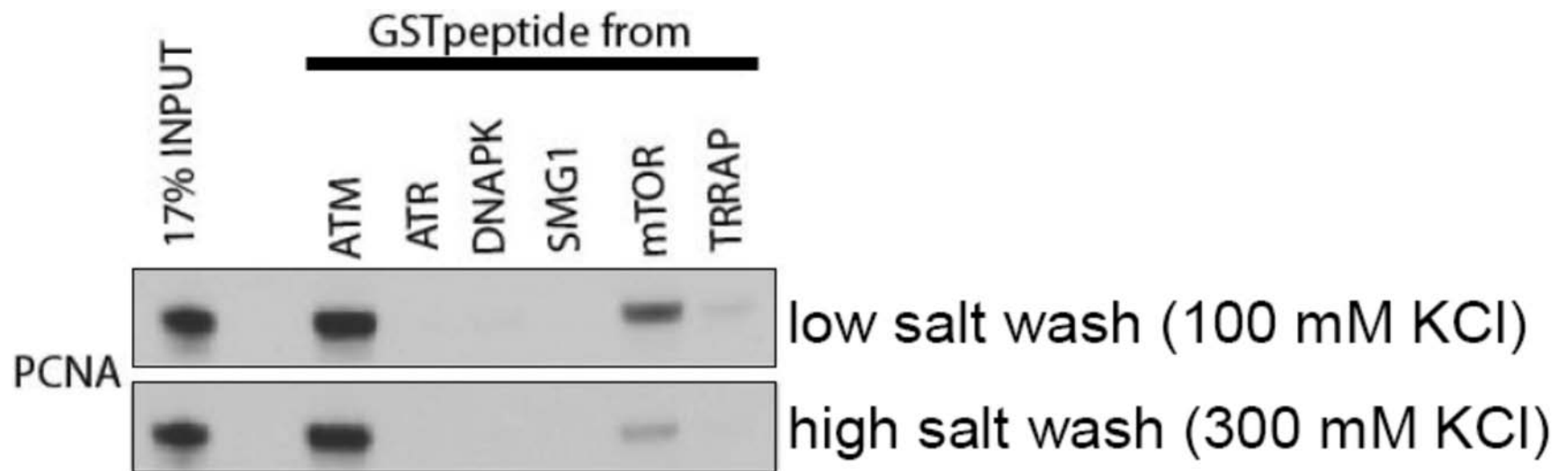
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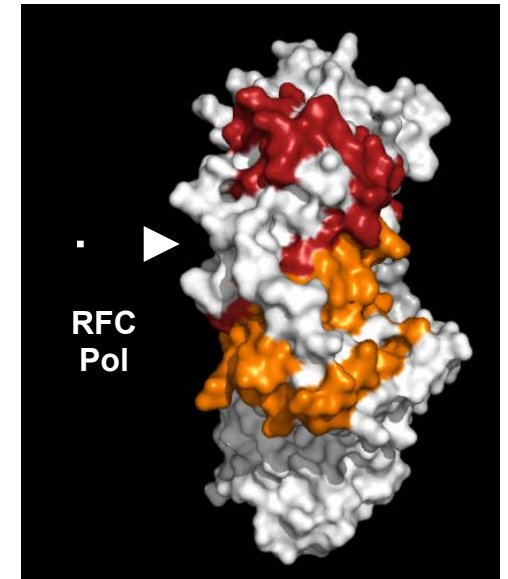
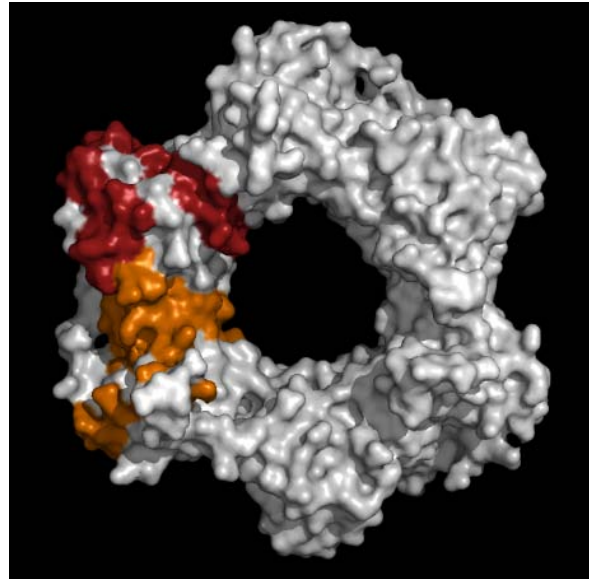
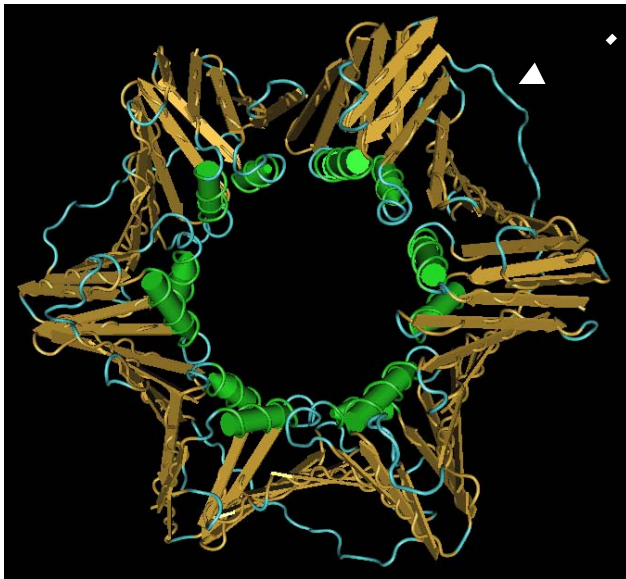
# The PIKK/PI3K family



# The interaction of PCNA with ATM is specific



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# Summary Section 3

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ATM interacts with PCNA *in vivo* and *in vitro*

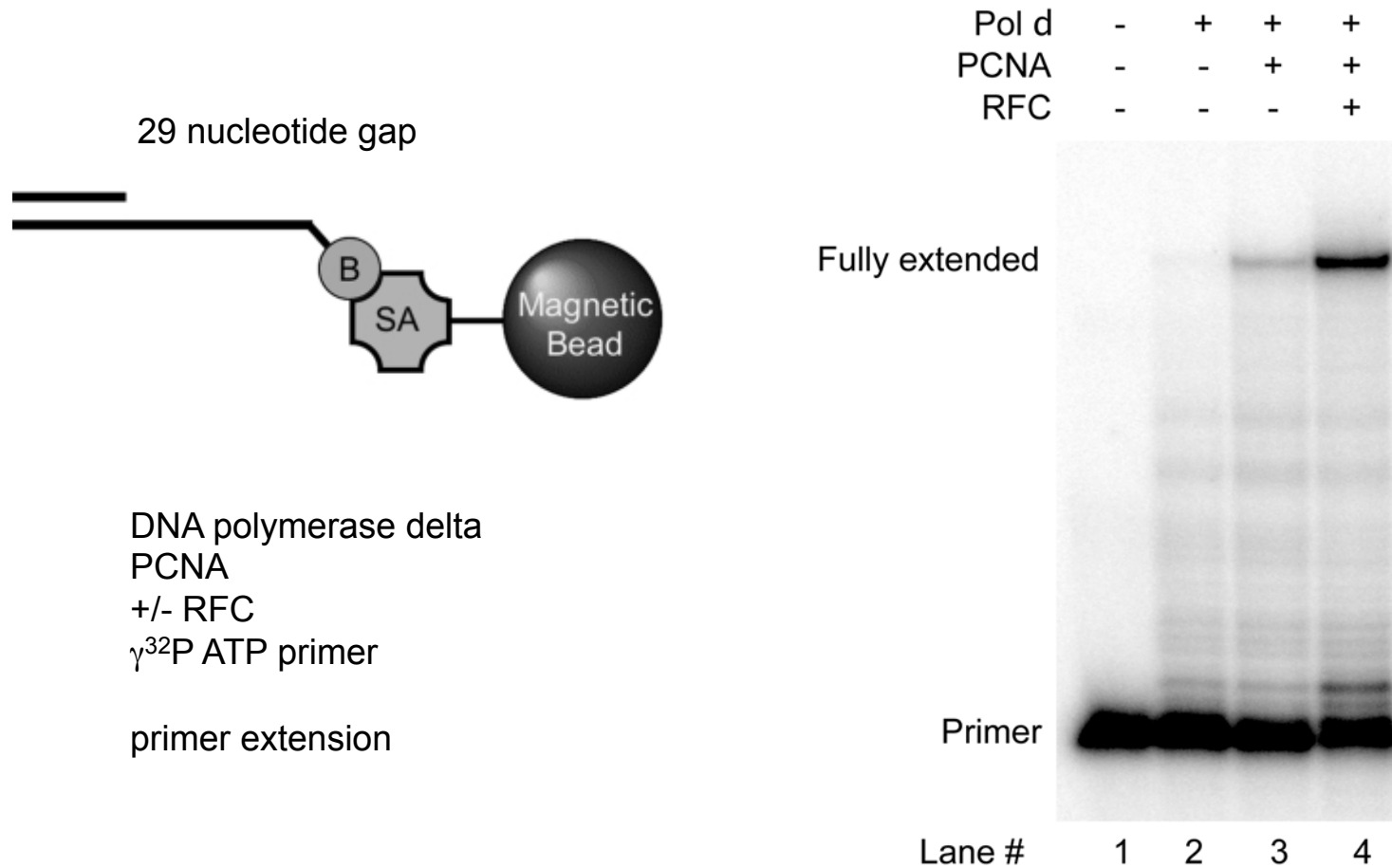
A 20 amino acid region of ATM is sufficient to bind PCNA

PCNA binding to ATM is not mediated by the PCNA interdomain loop

*Is there any functional significance of the binding?*

# ATM, PCNA and DNA synthesis

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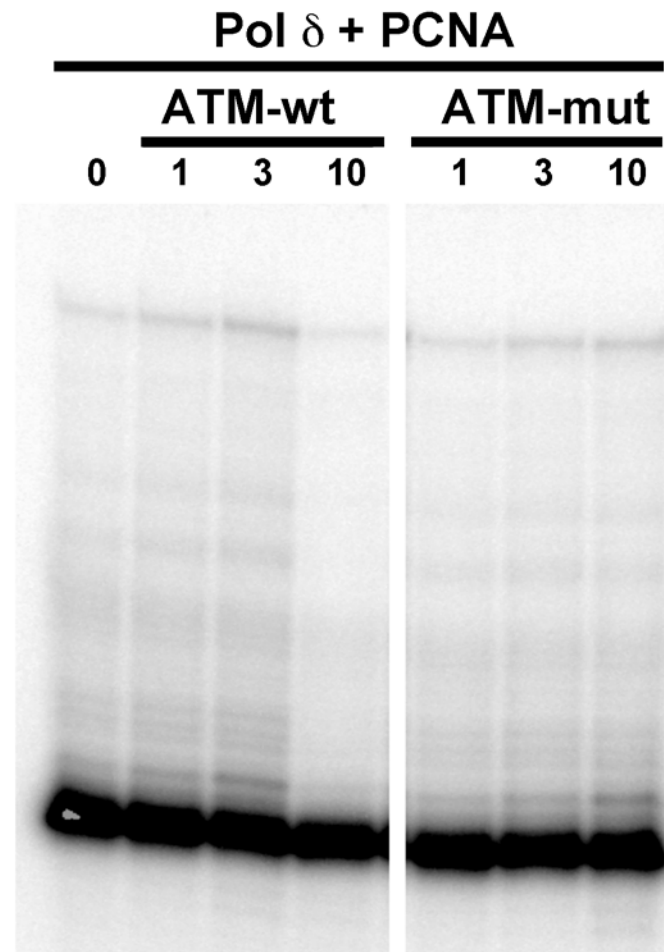
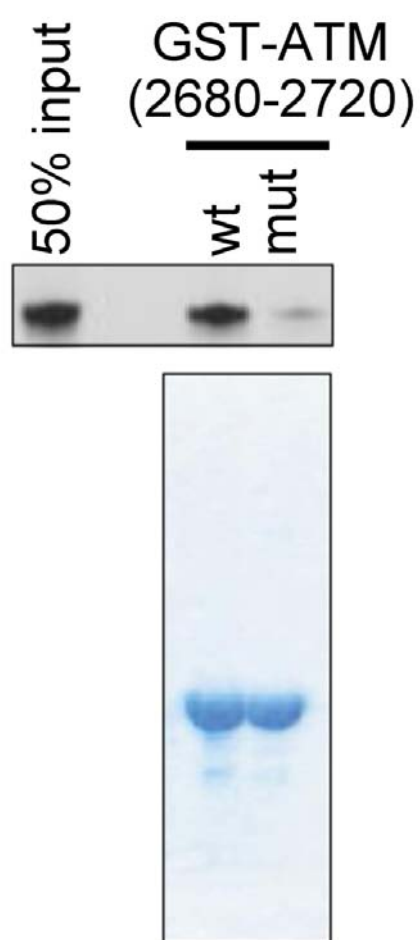


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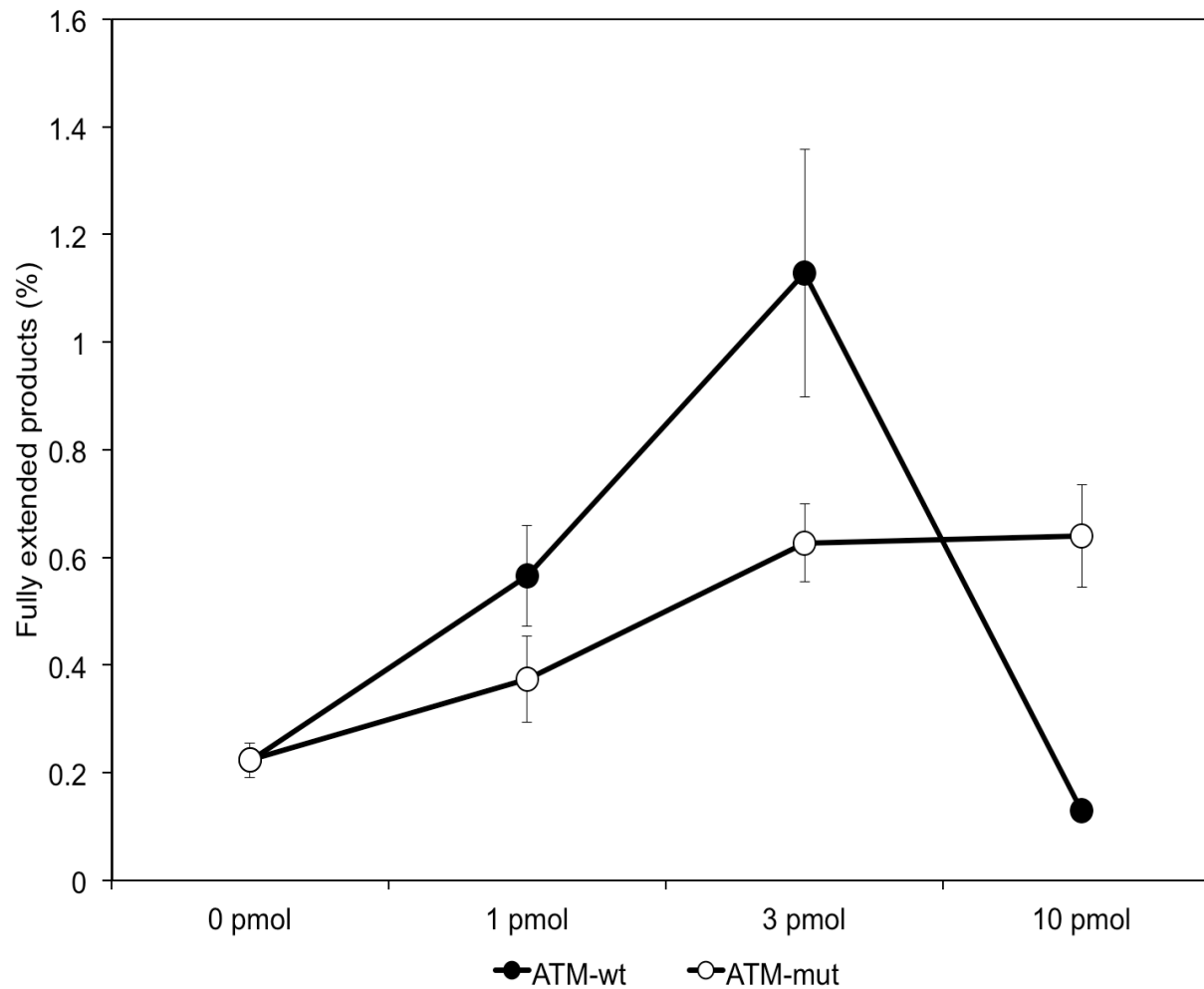
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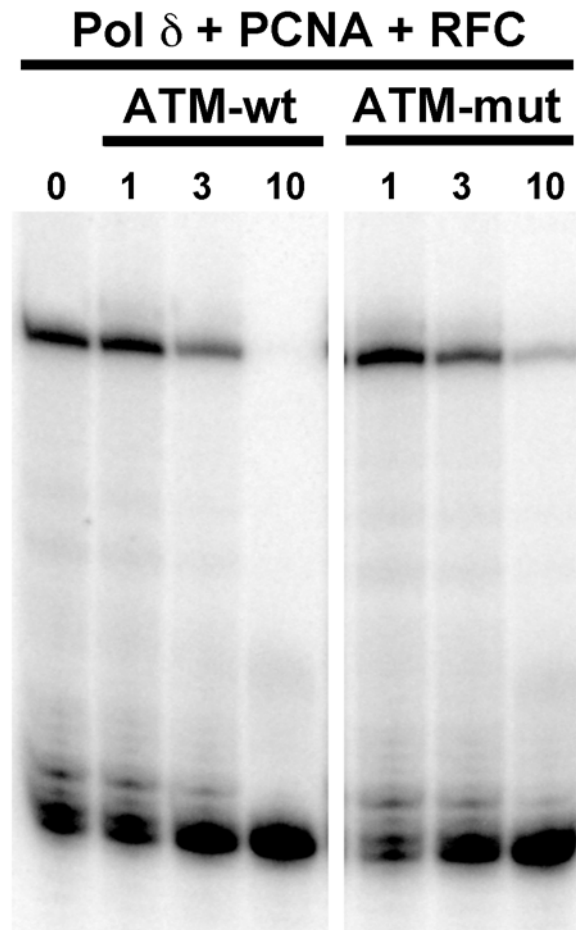
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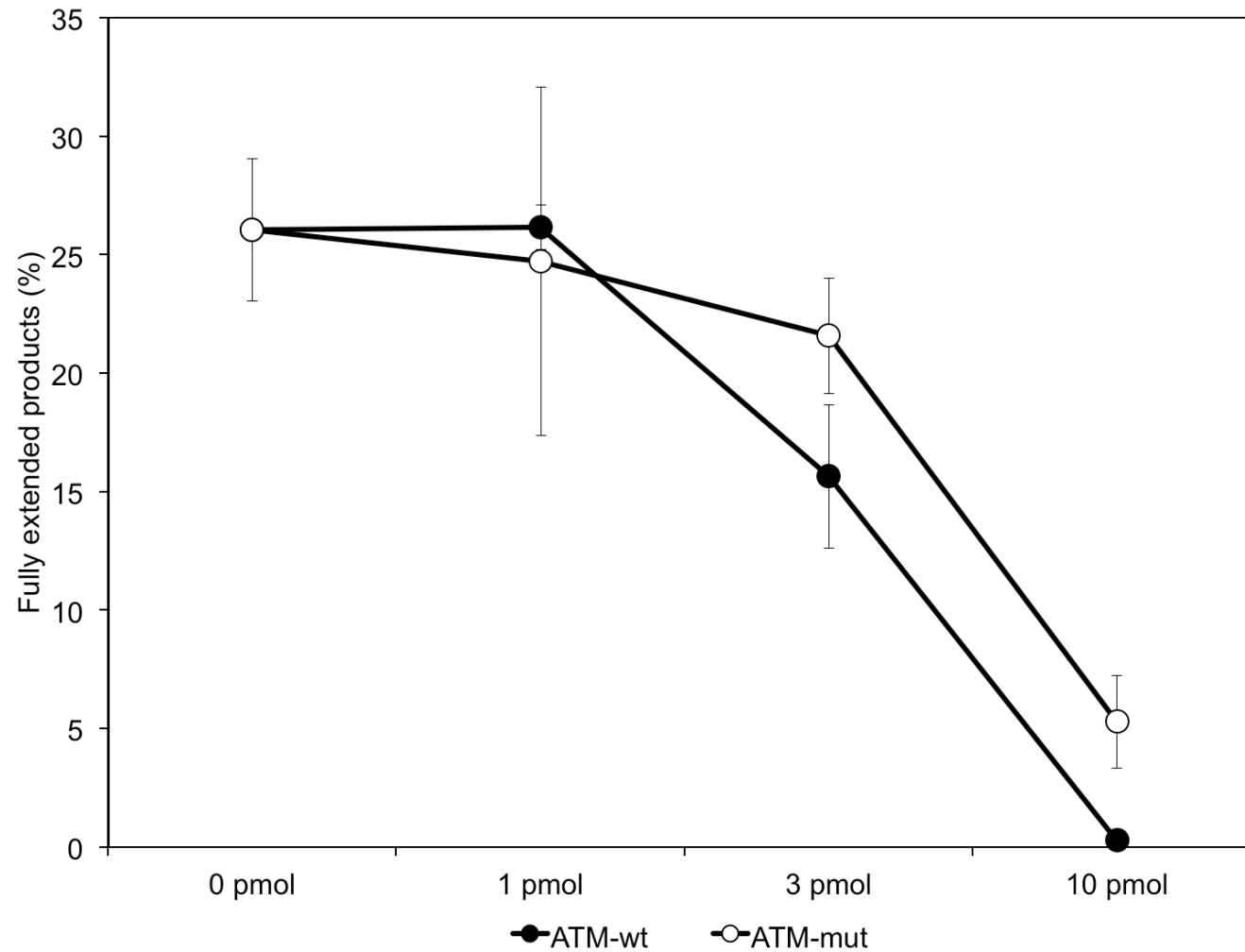
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# Conclusions

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**Irreversible damage** accumulates rapidly when ATM kinase activity is inhibited in irradiated cells

**Chemically-inhibited ATM kinase blocks DNA repair** in a manner that does not occur in the absence of ATM protein

**ATM interacts with PCNA** *in vivo* and *in vitro*

A 20 amino acid **ATM peptide stimulates DNA synthesis** by DNA polymerase  $\delta$  *in vitro*

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